



# 2021 Year in Review



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RON FINKEL AM

## From our President



As I write, Hadassah is once again displaying its true colours through the critical life-saving Emergency Mission on the Ukraine-Poland border. This Mission speaks to bridging between people through medical care, training and advice and is an expression of Hadassah's willingness to assist in a desperate situation far beyond its borders – as it has done many times in the past.

At home and abroad, looking back over 2021, COVID-19 laid bare how unprepared hospitals were to meet the unprecedented challenge. The difference with Hadassah Hospital was its long-standing commitment to community outreach. While many of its intra-hospital services were similarly affected, programs aimed at supporting patients and other stakeholders on their turf became lifelines for individuals, families and communities. Indeed, this is the footprint of Hadassah, the spirit of the programs that we at Hadassah Australia support.

I want to focus on the areas that show how impactful Hadassah was during 2021 and continues to be for people in Israel.

I draw your attention to an outstanding achievement finalised at the end of 2021 – the new Gandel Rehabilitation Center being constructed at Hadassah's Mt Scopus campus. We sincerely thank the Gandel Foundation led by the generous John Gandel AC and Pauline Gandel AC and the board. A true mitzvah!

Another example of community impact is our Goshen program and its influence on Israel's system of paediatric care. During the long months of COVID, Goshen helped to reduce societal problems and their implications.

Hadassah is also the leader in medical research in Israel. We are proud to have merged with AUSiMED to continue to build collaborative research to benefit global health outcomes.

Hadassah is a trailblazer in providing psychotherapeutic support to children and young adults. During 2021, the Jerusalem Crisis Intervention Center played a vital role. And the Medical Clowns continued to lift the spirits of patients and families, doctors, nurses and hospital staff in their work to support wellbeing and outcomes.

And finally, Hadassah Australia continued to champion the Achotenu scholarships in health program, created to provide a pathway for young, motivated Ethiopian Israelis. This program represents a win-win because Israel will gain desperately needed trained nurses – and individuals and communities will gain and thrive.

In closing, I express my thanks to the Board – Lynda Brest, Julian Gillis, Philip Zajac, and special International observer Robert Dorfman, our Achotenu Development Committee and our staff who work tirelessly to keep our community informed and engaged.

My sincere thanks must go to our wonderful donors for your financial support during a particularly difficult year. Your donations are making an impact on the lives of Israelis. You are powering an organisation that has been part of this region for more than 100 years, an organisation that is respected by all Israelis, an organisation whose values are an inspiration.

Ron Finkel AM  
President

RUTH RAMONE ROSEN

## From our Executive Director



At this time of global turbulence and crisis, we look to what brings hope. I am proud to be part of Hadassah Australia, an organisation whose passion for healing and building bridges between people is the essence of its DNA. Despite the pain and suffering, the last year has proven to be a year of optimism, a year when, despite isolation, illness, war and stress, we have continued to build solid structures for an inspiring and successful future.

After 19 years of developing and fostering wonderful programs based on our admiration of Hadassah Founder, Henrietta Szold and the values of Hadassah Hospital, we felt it was time, in 2021, to re-align our own strategic mission to the reality of what we have achieved and where we are headed.

The Hadassah Australia board and staff revisited and revised our vision and our mission statement and reinforced the values we uphold in shaping the future of Jerusalem, Israel and the global community. We are proud of our words and our work. We are committed to playing our part to make Hadassah even more relevant to the people of Israel and Australia and we look forward to expanding and deepening our projects in the coming years. Our aim is to deliver benefits to medical, humanitarian and community programs that make Hadassah much more than a hospital.

I join Ron in sincerely thanking you, our donors large and small, for joining us in supporting programs that truly make a difference to the lives of many thousands of Israelis and those in need of healing around the world. I am very pleased to present you

with our revitalised expression of Hadassah Australia's purpose, aims and values.

### 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 STATEMENT

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.

With special thanks to the staff who make it all happen: Rosemary Carrick, Dorit Jaffe, Sean Nochomovitz, Rose Livingston and Shani Burnie and former team members Mandy Baigel and Eric Cheng.

We look forward to a fulfilling year to come.

Ruth Ramone Rosen  
Executive Director





## ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPACT

# Hadassah Achotenu Ethiopian-Israeli Scholarships In Health

On the back of our outstanding success in supporting the Hadassah Achotenu Ethiopian-Israeli Nurses graduating class of 2024 through our Nursing Scholarship Program, we continued in 2021 with support for the new cohort of 14 young Ethiopian students - the graduating class of 2025.

In 2021, the 2024 graduating cohort of students - supported by Hadassah Australia and UIA - successfully completed their first academic year.

And in another milestone, in 2021, the university created an opportunity for four Ethiopian students to join the Achotenu-Nachshonim Occupational Therapy (OT) program alongside their Nursing friends.

Not only have these programs opened a unique personal pathway for young Ethiopian-Israelis to achieve their life's dream of working in healthcare, but Israel's short supply of Nurses and OTs is being answered.

The Hadassah-Achotenu program has been a remarkable success. It has given hope to young Ethiopians who felt their dream job was beyond reach. And it has given hope to the healthcare industry, which is facing a lack of nurses at one of the most conflicted times in Israel's history. The university believed the 'process' would work equally well with OT, a profession that is also facing a shortage of trained practitioners. The industry is already seeing a spike in demand for OTs as COVID patients experience long-term after-effects.

Staffing for the new rehabilitation facility being built at the Mt Scopus campus is also uppermost in the minds of hospital administrators and the university.

OT student Esther, one of six children born to Ethiopian olim, is a student in the program. She was accepted by the Hebrew University's Department of Occupational Therapy by undertaking the 'Mechina' preparatory year - rather than the psychometric exam. It was this exam that created a roadblock for young Ethiopians wanting to study nursing and gave birth to the new program. In 2021, the same alternative process was also applied to Ethiopian students wanting to study OT.

After undergoing days of intensive alternative assessment and evaluation examinations, Esther began the one-year preparatory program comprising a myriad of courses to prepare her for the academic track.

Like the small group of 'pioneering' students who joined her, Esther adapted well to the zoom lectures, and was grateful for the recorded sessions so she could review the material at her own pace.

She was also happy to be living in the university 'dorms', which allowed her privacy, quiet and intense studying time. That is the focus, and there are no distractions.

Esther said: "My dream is to graduate, work in the field and gain experience... and then to open my own occupational therapy clinic."

Thanks to our wonderful supporters and donors, Esther and other young Ethiopians like her are able to enter their profession of choice and build the healthcare industry of their adopted country.





# Webinar

In May 2021, Hadassah Australia was honoured to host a panel of Hadassah Achotenu Ethiopian Nursing Scholarship beneficiaries and health care experts:

**Dr Rely Alon**

Director of Nursing at Hadassah Medical Organization

**Prof Guy Harpaz**

Dean of Students at The Hebrew University

**Dr Sarit Shimony-Kanat**

Director of Henrietta Szold Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Nursing

**Judy Lowy**

Executive Director of Achotenu

**Esther, Sivan and Liya**

Scholarship Recipients



“*Hadassah not only dealt with the most number of COVID patients, more than 4500, but we also taught nurses from other hospitals how to treat these patients. We perhaps more than any other hospital in Israel understood what the implications were for having too few nurses in a pandemic.*

*If it wasn't for the foresight of the Hebrew University, the Hadassah organisation and the management of the Achotenu program, I would hate to think what the health infrastructure in our country will look like.*”

Dr Rely Alon, Director of Nursing

Hadassah Australia president, Ron Finkel AM, hosted the online panel that brought together the beneficiaries of the program with academics and healthcare experts.

The students who participated in the panel represented the hopes and dreams of a marginalised community that for millennia kept their faith alive in Ethiopia against almost insurmountable odds.

COVID-19 shed a light on the desperate need for healthcare workers. Among the healthcare experts to join the panel was Dr Rely Alon, Director of Nursing at Hadassah. She said that Israel entered the COVID era under-resourced as far as nurses were concerned, but the real threat was in the ICU where the need for highly trained and specialised nurses was most acute.

# Michal Herzog Hosts Achotenu



Hadassah's Audrey Shimron and First Lady Michal Herzog with students

Inspired by the impact of the Hadassah Achotenu Ethiopian-Israeli Scholarships in Health Program, Israel's First Lady, Michal Herzog, honoured Achotenu students and staff at an event she hosted in December 2021 at Beit HaNassi – the President's residence.

Attracted and inspired by the program's impact, Michal Herzog declared: "Achetenu is such a wise program and such an important program. That is because it doesn't ignore the challenges of Aliyah and absorption but alongside them it looks at the enormous advantages and the wonderful opportunity brought to the entire State of Israel by the Ethiopian immigration."

Achetenu nursing graduates and students were thrilled to receive the recognition from Israel's First Lady and share their

appreciation for the opportunities created by the program.

The remarkable support for the program by the Australian Jewish Community is a wonderful expression of our ongoing desire to be part of the Zionist dream, to continue to build and make a real impact on Israeli society. We are building an Australian Achotenu community and connecting a new generation of Australians to Israel through this high impact health program.



# Gandel Rehabilitation Center - Mt Scopus

***“Our vision is to create a positive and lasting difference in people’s lives.”***

John Gandel AC and Pauline Gandel AC

What a difference a year makes! During 2021, despite the pandemic, the construction of the Gandel Rehabilitation Center at Hadassah Mt Scopus progressed considerably from deep holes in the ground to the actual spaces for a state-of-the-art facility.

## PUTTING LIVES BACK ON TRACK

The Gandel Rehabilitation Center at Hadassah Mount Scopus is setting a new standard for post-operative and rehabilitative care in Israel. Scheduled to open in 2023, the national centre will dramatically improve quality of life for thousands of Israeli patients and their families as they embark on some of the toughest personal challenges they have ever faced.

The Center is a joint initiative of Hadassah and the Government of Israel and we at Hadassah Australia are proud to be an active partner in the fundraising for this important and timely service.

It will be a magnificent centre with 19,500 m<sup>2</sup> of dedicated patient-centred healing, rehabilitation spaces and facilities; 132 beds across four departments - neurology, geriatrics, spinal cord and orthopaedics, and ventilator-dependent; the first major structure of the new Mt Scopus campus.

In the words of Dr Tamar Elram, Director of Hadassah Mt Scopus:

***“The new Rehabilitation Center at Mount Scopus will help people regain hope and their physical capabilities... restoring their independence and dignity.”***

## Australia’s Gift to Jerusalem











- ROBOTIC THERAPY
- SPECIALISED TREATMENTS
- ROOFTOP HEALING GARDEN
- RESEARCH FACILITIES
- TECHNOLOGY INCUBATORS
- MULTI-FAITH PRAYER ROOM
- CONFERENCE ROOMS

# Jerusalem Takes The Lead In Rehabilitation

## INPATIENT DEPARTMENTS:

-  **Neurological Rehabilitation** (stroke victims, MS, brain trauma) **36-40 beds**
-  **Orthopaedic Rehabilitation & Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation** (paraplegics, spinal cord injuries, amputees) **36-40 beds**
-  **General Rehabilitation** including Geriatric Rehabilitation **36-40 beds**
-  **Respiratory Rehabilitation** (ventilator-dependent) **12-18 beds**

## SPECIAL UNITS INCLUDE:

- Chronic Diseases
- Polio
- Visual Impairment
- Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation

## REHABILITATION TREATMENT CENTRES:

- Outpatient Day Care Rehabilitation
- Physiotherapy
- Hydrotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Unit for Communication
- Disorders and Swallowing Rehabilitation

## ANNUAL CAPACITY

**15,000** **1,500**  
OUTPATIENTS INPATIENTS

## BEDS

**132**  
INPATIENT BEDS

## FACILITIES

**2**  
HYDROTHERAPY POOLS

The Gandel Rehabilitation Center will employ 274 staff members including:

32

DOCTORS

113

NURSES

38

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

37

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS





# Goshen

## Advancing Children's Health, Development and Wellbeing

In the space of seven years, Goshen's effect on the medical profession in Israel has been as remarkable as it has been on families across communities throughout the country.

During 2020-2021, the Goshen initiative for improving child healthcare in Israel was forced by COVID-19 to find innovative ways to provide clinicians and parents with information they could rely on and help lessen stress, anxiety and ensure social distancing.

Led by their Australian-trained team, the senior paediatricians and researchers were able to provide comprehensive online content in Hebrew and Arabic, including articles, videos and activities for parents to help deal with their children's social, emotional and cognitive developmental needs.

Former Israeli practitioners who completed their two-year fellowships at Melbourne's Centre for Community Child Health, Royal Children's Hospital, are now leaders at Goshen in Israel.

In 2021, an additional fellowship, supported by AUSiMED, was undertaken by Dr Einat Markovich-Lantsberg who will take up a paediatric role at Goshen upon completion of her studies.



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Dr Einat Martonovich-Lantsberg  
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Children's Hospital

## KEY OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES IN 2021

- Goshen established a **National Leadership Training Program for Tipat Halav nurses**. Tipat Halav is a system of clinics across Israel offering community public health services, primarily to infants and toddlers.
- **Piloted 'Tiponet'** on line parents' groups (as part of COVID-19 support).
- Developed **Parenting Resources** for vulnerable communities.
- Completed a study on **The Primary Care Paediatrician's Role** in Psychosocial Health Care Delivery in Israel.
- Conducted a study on **The Role and Identity of Paediatricians** in Israel.
- **Imported the USA's Listen4Good to Israel** Listen4Good provides resources, coaching, and know-how for direct-service organizations to gain response skills.
- Conducted research on **Community Intervention**.

## CUTTING-EDGE DIGITAL CONTENT FOR PROFESSIONALS

- First time that this type and scope of professional content was created for professionals.
- Professional training tools with cutting-edge digital learning that can be accessed from anywhere at any time were redesigned.
- Five interactive learning modules – toilet training, bed wetting, soiling, sleep disorders and identifying and reporting abused/neglected children were developed.
- Each module comprises articles, videos, animation, podcasts, presentations.





# Jerusalem Crisis Intervention Center (JCIC)



**Dr Esti Galili-Weisstub is one of the foremost child psychiatrists in Israel.** She is well-known to supporters of Hadassah Australia, through her work with children in Jerusalem dealing with often complex psychosocial issues. She heads up the Jerusalem Crisis

The pressure generated by the pandemic restrictions and self-isolation during the year was unprecedented and many of the hospitalised and JCIC out-patient children were presenting with eating disorders and suicidal tendencies.

Halting family visits to hospitalised children in the psychiatric unit and complying with social distancing and wearing masks during counselling, represented significant handicaps. In Dr Galili-Weisstub's words:

**“The value of sitting in the same room with a patient cannot be overstated. With masks, it is immensely difficult to gauge facial expressions that are so crucial to treatment. With each new crisis the team is rising to meet each challenge head-on.”**



Intervention Center (JCIC), supported by Hadassah Australia as well as a cross-border training program, the Binational School of Psychotherapy, supported by Project Rozana. The COVID-19 pandemic blurred the lines of her engagement.

**The JCIC provides emergency services for mental health, and handles over 6000 visits per year.**

The pandemic upended many preconceived ideas in the area of mental health. Dr Galili-Weisstub was quick to realise that in one of Israel's busiest hospitals it was staff and adult patients who needed to be supported. During 2021 the focus widened to embrace adults.

She joined the team supporting hospital staff and patients in the COVID-19 outbreak wards, often under such stress that they were simply too tired to pick up the phone to ask for help for themselves. Together with her colleagues at Hadassah, she created a hotline for caregivers, while also providing face-to-face therapy to help them cope with the extreme stress generated by the pandemic.

But children remain her first love. As director of the Herman Dana Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Hadassah, and its Australian-supported Jerusalem Crisis Intervention Center (JCIC), Dr Galili and her team worked tirelessly as the Division's workload increased exponentially across the board, and without an increase in personnel.



# Medical Clowns

## A Medical Revolution with a Happy Face

**Hadassah Hospital introduced medical clowns to Israel in 2002.** Today, every major hospital in Israel has medical clowns, also known more broadly as dream doctors, and they are empowering patients and staff in what is being termed a 'medical revolution with a happy face'.

Every dollar we raise buys one minute of a dream doctor'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.

Although it has been demonstrated that the clowns make a difference, no hospital in Israel has the resources to fund dream doctors out of its operating budget. This is

unlikely to change in the foreseeable future. Hospitals continue to rely on donations. If these dry up, the program will be curtailed and, in the worst possible scenario, will be forced to close.



Senior clown, Dush Barashi, supported the emergency mission on the Ukraine-Poland border. He is pictured below with Hadassah doctor – Dr. Muhamad Hadhod.





# Medical Research

## Merger of Hadassah Australia Medical Research & Collaborations Foundation (HAMRC) and AUSiMED

While we learned many things from COVID-19 in 2021, the importance of collaborative research to overcome global challenges in health remained unquestioned. This was reflected in the announcement by the boards of Hadassah Australia Medical Research & Collaborations Foundation (HAMRC) and AUSiMED of an agreement to merge under the AUSiMED banner. The merger took effect with the first meeting of the re-constituted AUSiMED Board in August 2021.

The decision was made to accelerate and expand medical research collaborations between leading Israeli and Australian institutions, aiming to drive improvements in global health, particularly when the world is dealing with the greatest health challenge in more than a generation.

**The merger enhances AUSiMED's capacity to support medical research excellence in both countries by:**

- **Increasing** opportunities for Australian researchers to link with world-leading medical institutions throughout Israel;
- **Enabling** better use of the specialist resources that both AUSiMED and HAMRC bring to bear;
- **Increasing** the number of high quality and exciting medical research projects and fellowships we are able to support; and
- **Providing** a destination for philanthropic support where the focus is on collaborative medical research.

### MEET THE NEW AUSiMED BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Chair



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## AUSiMED is supporting:

**Three Paediatric Fellowships** at the Royal Children's Hospital, Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Alfred Medical Centre in Australia

**A collaborative research** project between Monash University (Australia) and Hadassah Medical Center (Israel) to advance the discovery of a new treatment for pre-term babies at risk of later Chronic Kidney Disease

**A collaborative research project** between the Hudson Medical Research Institute (Australia) and Rambam Medical Center (Israel) to develop a new treatment for ovarian cancer

**The 2nd International Conference** on Trauma & Mental Health in Jerusalem in partnership with Hadassah Australia and Phoenix Institute

**A high-level delegation** of Australian public health experts and virologists to Israel

**A Youth Mental Health Learning Exchange** program between Orygen (Australia) and Enosh (Israel)

# Gifts in Lieu

## Celebrate, Donate, Create



**WE HONOUR AND CELEBRATE GENEROUS SUPPORTERS WHO SHARE THEIR JOYOUS OCCASIONS WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY BY MAKING A GIFT TO HADASSAH AUSTRALIA PROGRAMS. WE ARE ENORMOUSLY PROUD AND GRATEFUL!**

In 2021 we re-launched our gifts in lieu program, highlighting the donations of Elise Borsky on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah and Board Director and Chair of the Achotenu Development Committee, Lynda Brest, on the occasion of her marriage to Mordecai Esakoff. In lieu of gifts they generously supported the Ethiopian Scholarships in Health program.



(L-R) Hadassah Australia Executive Director Ruth Rosen with Elise Borsky



(L-R) Mordecai Esakoff and Lynda Brest with Hadassah Australia President, Ron Finkel AM

The Celebrate, Donate, Create campaign highlights that with each small step we leave an indelible mark on the world around us. We ask ourselves the question, 'How can I make my life's journey a positive experience for others?'

**In marking a special occasion by asking for donations in lieu of gifts, we at Hadassah Australia want to make raising funds for our programs simple and fun. We want to be seen as playing a leading role in the training of healthcare workers, in supporting and acknowledging Hadassah Hospital's exceptional treatment of patients irrespective of their age, gender, religion or nationality, and in highlighting the most lauded hospital-based research centre in the Middle East.**

Every donation is recorded on an individual's own fundraising page along with any special messages from their donors. Anyone who makes a donation of \$2 or more to that page receives a tax-deductible receipt.

**If you wish to celebrate your simcha or make a donation, please email [australia@hadassah.org](mailto:australia@hadassah.org) or call our office: 03 9272 5600.**



# Masterplan: Hadassah Mt Scopus



An ambitious master plan has been approved by the Jerusalem District Planning and Building Committee for Hadassah Mount Scopus. Hadassah's historic hospital serves Jerusalem's Northeastern neighbourhoods – a heterogeneous mix of Jews and Arabs representing

approximately one third of the capital's population – and residents of the neighbouring villages reaching all the way to the Dead Sea. This is part of the Government of Israel's national plan for 2050 in which Mount Scopus will become a tertiary hospital, and Ein Kerem will become the Quaternary Medical Center for the Jerusalem area with more than 2,500 beds.

The hospital at Mount Scopus opened in 1939 and was abandoned in 1949 a few months after the Hadassah Medical Convoy Massacre in which 78 staff were killed on the way to the hospital.

It was only in 1967 that Hadassah regained the historic campus, and in 1975 Hadassah Mount Scopus was reopened to serve the citizens of Jerusalem. In 2019, with the ground-breaking of the Gandel Rehabilitation Center, the first new major building was added to the campus.

Most of the structures on the historic campus were built in the late 1930s with building standards which are no longer optimal for present day medical treatment and care.

Today Mount Scopus is undergoing a dramatic transformation. Over the course of the coming three decades, the heart of the campus and its new entrance will shift northwards. Seven new buildings will rise on the campus among them a multi-story ultra-modern inpatient tower, a new home for the emergency department and much more. Mount Scopus will quintuple its size by 2050.

The flagship project will save lives and profoundly improve the quality of life for the residents of Jerusalem and for the medical teams working there. The new Hospital Tower will house 20 inpatient departments, providing up to 720 additional beds for the Mount Scopus Campus.

The tower will feature two triangular shaped buildings with common support and ancillary services located in a central core, serving both inpatient departments. Each floor will comprise two inpatient departments covering 3,500m<sup>2</sup>. The building will rise 10 floors above ground and three floors below the entrance level, covering a total of 50,000 m<sup>2</sup>, with mandatory shelters on each floor and an underground emergency hospital.

*Above: Dr Tamar Elram, Director, Hadassah Mount Scopus*

***“Now we are beginning a huge march forward in the future of Hadassah and the future of Jerusalem.”***

Dr Tamar Elram, Director, Hadassah Mount Scopus







100 YEARS

# Hadassah A Century of Nursing

**“Our mission is to constantly strive for excellence in nursing and healthcare through innovation, inclusion, and compassion,”** affirmed Dr. Rely Alon, Director of Division of Nursing and Health Professions at Hadassah Medical Organization.

Mahmoud Khateb was one of the first five students to graduate with a Hadassah PhD in nursing this past year. Working full time throughout his PhD studies while raising a family, it took Khateb 14 years from the start of his BSN to the completion of his doctorate – a degree very few nurses in Israel hold. In the US, fewer than 1% of nurses hold PhDs in their profession.

Hadassah is home to the leading Nursing School in the Middle East and the only school in the region to offer graduate degrees in Nursing. “There is a critical need for nurses with MSN and PhD degrees who will become lecturers, raising the academic level of nursing education while training nurses to keep up with the constantly evolving demands of medical science and technology,” explained Dr. Sarit Shimony-Kariat, past Director of the Henrietta Szold Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Nursing. “Our intake has increased by 130% in the last year; the number of nursing applicants has increased dramatically, but there is still a national shortage of nurses.”



## VISION FOR THE FUTURE

A state-of-the-art 170- seat smart auditorium is nearing completion and will provide much needed space. The dream remains that one day, the school of nursing will once again have its own building – a facility that will serve as a national center of excellence and home for the Hadassah community of nurses – the heart and soul of the hospital. In addition, realistic training mannikins and immersive Virtual Reality experiential learning and simulation labs are urgently needed to train the nurses of tomorrow.

Nursing was first recognized as a profession in Israel in 1918, when Hadassah opened a nursing school. Many of the first 22 graduates of the Henrietta Szold School of Nursing laid the foundations of the nursing profession in Israel. A century later, the School of Nursing celebrates the first graduating class of the Achoteinu (“our sister”) Program – an exemplary initiative allowing Israelis from underprivileged Ethiopian communities to obtain full scholarships, housing, a living stipend, and mentoring at the country’s leading school of nursing.



# 2022 Ukraine Emergency Mission



**“As the world crisis of the coronavirus blends into the crisis in Ukraine, it’s easy to feel downhearted and helpless. While we have not been able to eradicate COVID-19 or stop the fighting, Hadassah Medical Organization – with your support – has been able to take an active role in working for the good.”**

Prof Yoram Weiss, Director-General of Hadassah Medical Organization

**We thank our many generous donors for supporting this very special humanitarian campaign.**





## OUR SINCERE THANKS

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

2021 was a strange, tough and eventful year for Hadassah Australia and the global community and we thank all our supporters, large and small, for being part of our journey.

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

We take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant community funding received in the first months of 2022 for our Ukrainian Emergency Mission appeal to support the tireless humanitarian efforts of Hadassah's medical teams in the refugee centres on the Ukrainian-Polish border.

We truly value supporters over our journey who have helped make us an organisation of impact, and invite you to continue assisting us in our vitally important mission.



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## Thank You For Your Gifts In Lieu

Lynda Brest & Mordecai Esakoff - Wedding

Elise Borsky – Bat Mitzvah

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# Hadassah more than a Hospital

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



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