

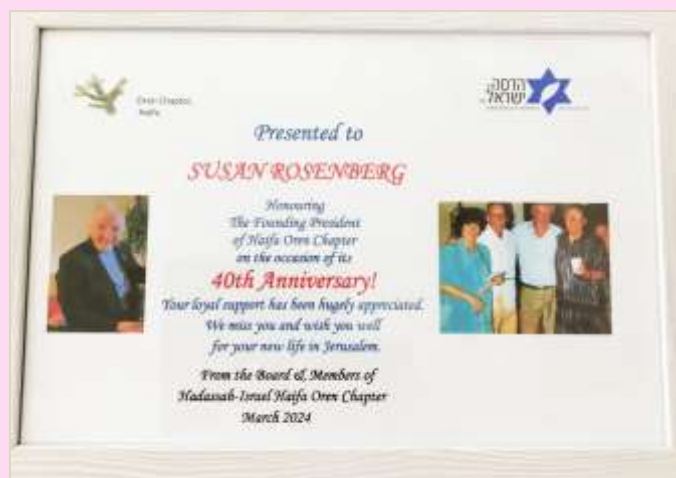


# OREN CHAPTER HAIFA AND THE NORTH

April 2024

## Oren Update – Chag Pesach Kasher v'Sameach

Twenty-five Oren members and guests celebrated Oren Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at this rescheduled Ruby Tea Party, held at the home of Lee & Stan Freeman. In addition the honouree, Oren's Founding President Susan Rosenberg, together with several members of her family, linked into the celebrations via Zoom. Thanks to the generosity of the attendees, NIS 2770 was raised for the two H-I fundraising projects (detailed below).



This event was dedicated to the H-I Project to purchase life-changing equipment to treat wounded soldiers and others at the new Rehabilitation Centre at Hadassah Mt Scopus and to the Joy of Judaism Eshet Chayil Project at the Youth Villages by Floris Dichter in honour of the IDF and the resilience of the People of Israel; by Brenda Kaplan-Lewis in celebration of her daughter's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday and by Marsha Levin and Val Herbert in honour of Susan Rosenberg.

Here's a copy of the letter sent to Oren's honouree, the Founding Chapter President, **Susan Rosenberg**, by the H-I National President, **Rivkah Cooper**:



Dear Susan,

I want to express my deepest admiration and appreciation for all you have done over the years for Hadassah-Israel and for meeting you on Zoom yesterday.

Your vision, leadership, and unwavering dedication have left an indelible mark on Hadassah-Israel. As we celebrate your remarkable journey and the countless lives you have touched, I want to express my gratitude for your wisdom, guidance, and mentorship. Your legacy will continue to inspire future generations of leaders to uphold the values of integrity, compassion, and resilience that you have exemplified throughout your life.

On this momentous occasion celebrating the "Ruby Anniversary of the Oren Chapter", I join all members of Hadassah-Israel, along with your friends in honoring your extraordinary achievements and celebrating the incredible person you are. May this special day be filled with joy and fond memories.

With deepest respect and warmest wishes,

Rivkah Cooper, President

Hadassah-Israel

(March 2024)

Future Programme:

The guest speaker for Oren's April General Meeting:  
Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm via Zoom

will be

**Rabbi Dr Edgar Nof**

on a topic related to **PESACH**

**Rabbi Dr Edgar Nof** was born in Brooklyn, NY, grew up in Argentina and made Aliyah in 1982. He was ordained in 1991 at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem and holds a Doctorate in Jewish Studies (DHL). He served as the Rabbi of Congregation "Emet V' Anava" in Ramat Gan and as Director of the Israel Rabbinic Program at HUC (1990-1997), Rabbi of Congregation 'Ohel Avraha' at the Leo Baeck School in Haifa (1997-2000), and Rabbi of 'Or Hadash' in Haifa (2000-2013). Since July 2013 he has served as the Rabbi of Congregation 'Natan-Ya' in Netanya, and the spiritual leader and educator of Gesharim LeTikvah - Bridges for Hope in Haifa.

Rabbi Nof served in the IDF as an academic officer and he is married to Deborah, a school psychologist. They have four children: Yael, Elior, Ariel and Talia, all of whom also served in the IDF.

Rabbi Nof has encountered thousands of Israeli Jews in more than 5,000 Life Cycle ceremonies (including more than 2,800 Bar and Bat Mitzvah services, hundreds of them for underprivileged children, officiating at 900 weddings and converting more than 800 people to Judaism) as well as teaching in more than 70 different schools and organizations.

He was named "Ambassador for Peace" in Seoul in 2014 by the Universal Peace Federation, while representing Israel in the World Summit and he is a leader of interfaith activities over the past 25 years.

Rabbi Nof is devoted to Talmud Torah, Good Deeds and Social Action (=Tikun Olam) in the spirit of the Prophets and the Sages of Israel.

This meeting is being dedicated to the project to purchase life-changing equipment for war-wounded IDF soldiers and others at the Rehabilitation Center at Hadassah, Mt. Scopus by **Val Herbert** - in celebration of her 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

*Welcome New Oren Members!*

We're delighted to welcome three New Annual Members, **Karen Haubenstock**, **Miriam Gordon** and **Danielle Ettinger**, who have joined Hadassah-Israel Oren Chapter recently. We hope you'll enjoy our activities and become active members of Oren Chapter. . . .

Save the Dates:

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May:** **Oren General Meeting with Guest Speaker (via Zoom):**

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June:** **H-I National Event at Hadassah Neurim Youth Village:**

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> June:** **Oren's Annual Pot Luck Supper at the home of Barbara Fox.**





# Save the Date for Special Gifts

**WHO?** HADASSAH-ISRAEL

**WHAT?** Special Gifts 2024

**WHERE?** The National Library of Israel in Jerusalem

**WHEN?** Monday, September 16th at 3:30 P.M. for tour;  
5:00 P.M. for dinner

**WHY?** To raise money to fund rehab equipment for wounded soldiers and other patients at the Gandal Rehabilitation Center at Hadassah Hospital Mt. Scopus

**HOW?** By paying NIS 550 (first timers);  
NIS 850 (regular admission)

**Particulars:** Each chapter gets goal credit for each member who attends.

**PAYMENT PLAN:** Credit card payments can be made in as many increments as desired -- 6,8,12. Call Mikki Abitbol to make arrangements at 052-2628241



If you'd like to make a donation to the  
2024 H-I Project to provide a Thera-Trainer Balo Machine  
for the new Rehabilitation Dept at Hadassah, Mt Scopus  
or for the 'Joy of Judaism' Eshet Chayil Project at the Hadassah Youth Villages  
you can **WhatsApp** H-I's Financial Coordinator, **RIKI BURG**  
on **050-8573967** or email her at [acc@hadassah-israel.org](mailto:acc@hadassah-israel.org)

We send prayers for the safety of all IDF soldiers  
and for the safe return of the hostages.

We send love to their families  
and our deepest condolences to the bereaved.

*Jane Bouchard - Oren Chapter President*

*Lee Freeman - Editor*