

## 2011 – A Year in Reflection

### **The Hadassah Australia / Royal Children's Hospital Community Child Health Project**

The first phase of this 3 year collaboration is nearing completion here in Melbourne. The next stage begins in early 2013 when Dr Hava Gadassi, the first Hadassah Hospital Community Paediatrics Fellow returns to Jerusalem to begin implementing the Community Child Health program at Hadassah Hospital.

### **The "Goshen" Project**

In May this year we welcomed a group of eminent paediatric experts from Israel (Professor Eitan Kerem, Chair of the Department of Paediatrics at Hadassah; Dr Mati Berkovitch, President of the Israeli Paediatric Association; and Professor Basil Porter, International Coordinator for the Israeli Ambulatory Paediatric Association) who made a brief visit to Melbourne to meet with Professor Oberklaid, Dr Gadassi and key members of Hadassah Australia. They gathered to continue their work in developing the "Goshen" project - the creation of a national program to roll out the Community Child Health concept (pioneered in Australia by Prof Oberklaid) throughout Israel. The "Goshen" Project was initiated and is supported by Hadassah Australia.

### **The Hadassah Australia / JNF Healing and Environmental Garden at Mt Scopus**

One of our most important projects is The Jack and Robert Smorgon Families Foundation Healing and Environmental Garden (known officially as the Hadassah Park Natural Environment Restoration Project); a joint project of Hadassah Australia and the JNF. Now under construction at Hadassah Hospital's beautiful Mt Scopus campus, the 1.5 acre Healing and Environmental Garden comprises beautifully landscaped areas and special features that create a haven of peace and tranquillity for child and adolescent patients and their families. The Garden will also be open to the public during daylight hours. This is a landmark 100% Australian project, with a total budget of \$1.7M, almost half of which has already been committed. We are confident of securing pledges for the full amount by mid-2012.

### **Jerusalem Crisis Intervention Center (JCIC)**

Since 2006, Hadassah Australia's "adopted" project has been the JCIC unit of Hadassah Hospital's Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Outpatient Services, led by its dynamic director Dr Esti Galili – a frequent visitor to Australia. During her visit here in April 2011, Dr Galili again met with donors and supporters in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, and continues to demonstrate not only her immense personal energy and commitment to the JCIC, but also the profound impact that the Center continues to have on the many young people who pass through it. Hadassah Australia raises significant monies to fund key staff and medical professionals at the Center, through ongoing donations from generous supporters, as well as special activities and events around the country throughout the year.

### **Hadassah Australia Karen Margolius Memorial Scholarship – Perth WA**

In May, a Dinner to launch the Hadassah Australia Karen Margolius Memorial Scholarship Fund was organised by our WA Vice-President, Lionel King. Karen was a much loved and highly respected member of the Perth community whose life's work in medicine and law was cut short last year after a battle with cancer. The Scholarship was created to raise sufficient funds to pay for an additional full time counsellor to work at the JCIC for a 3 year period. More than \$70,000 has been raised for the Fund by Lionel and his team in the first year alone.

### **Hadassah Australia 2011 Annual Dinner & Tikkun Olam Award**

In August the prestigious Hadassah Australia 2011 Annual Dinner took place at Melbourne's Lincoln of Toorak, with over 220 guests in attendance. The evening featured an impressive roll-call of eminent speakers, including Hadassah's Director of Paediatrics Professor Eitan Kerem, and presentation of the 2011 "Tikkun Olam" Award to Professor Oberklaid for his outstanding and lifelong work in children's health.



# 2012 – A Year for Celebration

## Centenary of Hadassah

2012 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Hadassah movement, one of the largest Zionist organisations in the world. Hadassah was founded in 1912 by a small group of American Zionists led by Henrietta Szold, who saw an urgent need for child and maternal health services in then Palestine and decided to do something about filling the need. That small network of clinics grew into Hadassah Hospital – now the premier provider of health and medical services in the greater Jerusalem area and a world-class centre of medical research. To mark this momentous anniversary, the brand new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower at Hadassah's Ein Kerem campus will be dedicated in October during a week of centenary celebrations and festivities in Jerusalem for the entire global Hadassah community. We'd love to see you there!

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hadassah Australia

Since 2002, Hadassah Australia has been active in raising significant sums to support programs at Hadassah Hospital, as well as managing research partnerships between Hadassah Hospital and Australian universities and medical research institutions. Over 10 years, there have been various successful fundraising events, Annual Dinners and educational forums that have raised very substantial sums for Hadassah Hospital, including the Jerusalem Crisis Intervention Centre (JCIC). The JCIC relies almost solely on financial support from Hadassah Australia's donors and supporters to achieve its objectives, making a real difference to the lives of young people in Jerusalem, and to the future of Israel.

## Launch of the “Hadassah Australia Family”

To mark these combined anniversaries, we are planning a number of events and activities in 2012, both here and in Jerusalem. We are still putting the finishing touches to our plans – but one program we invite you to participate in now is the formation of the “**Hadassah Australia Family**”. We want to bring together people from across Australia who have or have had a personal connection with Hadassah Hospital – as a patient, doctor, intern, support worker; a transport or other service provider; or a family member of any of the above. Hadassah Hospital has touched and improved the lives of millions of people of all ages, faiths and nationalities, all over the world, and we would like to meet those who now live in Australia. Look out for a significant press campaign during 2012 which will promote our anniversary year and also help us locate members of the Hadassah Australia Family. In the meantime, please contact us with any details you have.

2012 is going to be a year of great celebration for Hadassah and we invite all the members of the Hadassah Australia Family to join the party!

## Board News

At a local level, we are delighted to welcome new members to the Hadassah Australia board: Dr Amanda Gordon as NSW Vice-President, and Slade Sherman as Victorian delegate. We also welcome Professor David Sonnabend to the role of Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Hadassah Australia Foundation.

## And Finally ...

If you are planning to be in Israel in 2012 we invite you to experience a personal tour of Hadassah Hospital. Contact our office before you travel so we can arrange a customised “behind the scenes” experience. You may be interested in seeing the new Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower, the paediatrics department, trauma unit and emergency rooms. We can also organise for you to visit the Hadassah Hebrew University School of Medicine, the JCIC or the Healing Garden at Mt Scopus – or the majestic Chagall windows in the Synagogue at Hadassah's Ein Kerem campus. Just let us know before you go! Email [australia@hadassah.org](mailto:australia@hadassah.org) or call 1800 hadassah.

