

It Takes a Dream: The Story of Hadassah

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Spanning two centuries, reaching virtually every corner of the globe, the epic story of the Hadassah organization is the

inspiring and fascinating history of generations of determined women who worked to heal, enlighten, educate and save lives. *It Takes a Dream: The Story of Hadassah*, by Marlin Levin, is an abridged version of the massive updated history of Hadassah, which first made an appearance at the 1997 Hadassah convention in Chicago. Including a foreword by Elie Wiesel and a preface by former Israeli Prime Minister, the late Golda Meir, *It Takes a Dream* begins in the early days of the twentieth century, when the Jewish population of Jerusalem was enduring very difficult living conditions, and suffering disease and hardship. It was in this setting that the renowned and beloved founder of Hadassah, Henrietta Szold, became inspired to help improve the lives and health of Jerusalem's Jews. Henrietta Szold was to become one of the most dedicated, inspirational and well-known Jewish women of the twentieth century, spawning the Hadassah organization, and creating a strong, unified body of women throughout the United States, and later, the world, committed to Zionism, Jewry and of course, Jerusalem. Author Marlin Levin tells the story of Hadassah in intricate detail, highlighting the ways in which the history of Hadassah is entwined in the history of Jerusalem. Through war, triumph, building and rebuilding, from Hadassah Hospital at Mount Scopus, to Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem, from the early pioneering days of the State of Israel, to the 1990s, and a more global focus, the story of Hadassah is, too, the story of world Jewry, of Zionism, of Israel and of Jerusalem.

...Hadassah women have been at the center of every great issue of the 20th century. -- Alan M. Dershowitz, author
Hadassah is more than an organization. It is a state of mind and condition of the heart. -- U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, (D-MD)
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Marlin Levin was born in Harrisburg, PA and moved to Israel with his new bride in 1947. Having received a degree in journalism from Temple University, Philadelphia, Levin served as editor of the *Palestine Post* during the first years of the state, and later reported from Jerusalem for ABC Radio and Television and the *London Daily Mail*, and in 1958, founded the Time-Life news bureau in Jerusalem, where he served as correspondent for 42 years. He is the author of the first edition of the history of the Hadassah organization, *Balm in Gilead* (1973), and co-author of *Fighting Armies, Antagonists in the Middle East, Combat Assessment: Israel* (1983). Levin, a writer, artist and photographer, currently lives in Jerusalem.