April 25 proclaimed Hadassah Day

Cincinnati City Councilman PG Sittenfeld will proclaim April 25 “Hadassah Day” in Cincinnati at the annual Hadassah Donor Luncheon at the Kenwood Country Club. In a special ceremony, he will give the proclamation to Hadassah National President Marcie Natan, who will be in Cincinnati for three unforgettable events on April 24 and 25. Hadassah Donor Campaign supports the two Hadassah Hospitals and many other projects in Israel. Ghita Sarembock is Hadassah Donor Chair, and Bonnie Isen Ullers is Cincinnati Chapter President. These events are part of the community-wide Israel@65 Celebration.

While in Cincinnati, Marcie Natan will also meet with Michael Fisher, CEO of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, and tour Cincinnati Children’s Hospital so that she can see firsthand the facility that has a collaborative agreement with the Hadassah hospitals in Jerusalem. Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Israel Exchange Program (IEP) was established in 2011 to improve clinical care for children, more expertise in science and pediatrics providers and make research and technological advances that benefit the world. Through the IEP, some of Israel’s best and brightest are moving their families to Cincinnati for one- to three-year clinical and research training opportunities at Cincinnati Children’s.

The IEP also provides for joint patient care in Israel and Cincinnati, as well as research and technological collaborations with Israeli start-ups, universities and medical centers. Ten Israeli fellows from leading Israeli medical centers and universities have currently attained competitive training spots at CCHMC in neurology, nephrology, gastroenterology, colorectal surgery, allergy and immunology, adolescent medicine, bone marrow transplant, rheumatology and neuromaging research. Upon their return to Israel, they go on to become leaders in their fields and continue to advance clinical and research collaboration with CCHMC colleagues. The newest Hadassah fellow, Gilad Hamzadi, will begin a Nephrology Fellowship this summer, joining Shelley Ben Harush Negari from Hadassah Hospital, who began an adolescent medicine fellowship last summer.

The first Donor event is an intimate Major Gifts Wine and Dessert Reception with Marcie Natan on Wednesday, April 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the beautiful Hyde Park home of Kim and Larry Furman. It is open to all significant donors to the 2013 Hadassah Donor Campaign. Entertainment will be provided by Claire Lee, pianist, and attendees will have the opportunity to take individual photos with Marcie Natan.

The next day, April 25, Marcie will speak at a special Leading Gifts Reception at the Kenwood Country Club from 10 to 11 a.m. This reception is open to those who pledge a significant amount to Hadassah in 2013. Donor Luncheon will follow immediately at 11:30, also at the Kenwood Country Club. The luncheon is open to all who pledge a significant amount to Hadassah in 2013 Donor Campaign. Guest speakers will include Marcie Natan and Cincinnati City Councilman PG Sittenfeld.

Marcie Natan has served Hadassah with her quiet strength, profound integrity, and generosity of spirit since her early 20s. Marcie first joined, then rose to become President of the Eastern Pennsylvania Region. A former National Vice President, she has also served as Chair of Planned Giving & Estates, Major Gifts, Unit Assessment and Hadassah College. Her positions have included National President’s Training Chair, National Secretary and National Treasurer. Marcie has traveled to Israel more than 50 times, including visits during both intifadas and the 2006 Lebanon War. Her time in Israel has intensified her passion and broadened the perspective she has brought to Hadassah’s National Board and Executive Committee, and the Hadassah Foundation Board.

Claire Lee is a graduate of UC’s College Conservatory of Music with a Master of Music degree in Piano Accompanying. She is also a Life Member of Hadassah.

Hadassah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America, is the largest women’s volunteer organization in America. Donor funds support projects like healthcare and medical research (Hadassah Medical Association and Hadassah College Jerusalem), youth programs (Youth Judaica and Youth Aliyah/Children at Risk), and environmental resource development (Jewish National Fund).

There is a required donation for the events. Reservations are requested.