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**Hadassah UK
New Trustee
Information Pack**



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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Trustee of Hadassah UK.

Hadassah UK is the British charity supporting the Hadassah Medical Organisation, one of Israel's most important hospitals and a globally respected centre for medical innovation, clinical excellence and humanitarian healthcare.

For more than a century Hadassah has played a transformative role in advancing medicine, treating patients from all communities and contributing to scientific discoveries that benefit people around the world.

Located in Jerusalem, Hadassah reflects the diversity of the city itself, bringing together patients and medical professionals from many different backgrounds united by a shared commitment to saving lives.

Hadassah UK exists to strengthen this extraordinary institution through philanthropy, partnerships and advocacy in the United Kingdom. By connecting British supporters with Hadassah's groundbreaking medical work, the charity helps ensure that life-saving treatment, pioneering research and humanitarian healthcare continue to flourish in Jerusalem.

We are delighted that you are considering becoming involved in our mission.

Yours sincerely



David Waterman,
Chair, Hadassah UK

About Hadassah Hospital

Founded in 1912, the Hadassah Medical Organisation has grown from a small public health initiative into one of the Middle East's most advanced and innovative medical systems.

Today Hadassah operates two major hospital campuses in Jerusalem and treats more than one million patients annually, providing advanced medical care to people from all backgrounds — Jewish, Muslim and Christian — and from across Israel and the wider region.

As Jerusalem's leading hospital, Hadassah serves the city's uniquely diverse population. Its doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals reflect that diversity, with medical teams drawn from Jewish, Muslim and Christian communities working side by side to deliver world-class care.

Hadassah is internationally recognised for its distinctive model integrating:

- clinical care
- medical education
- scientific research

Working in partnership with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, this integrated structure enables scientific discoveries to move rapidly from laboratory research into clinical treatment, improving patient outcomes and advancing global healthcare.

As a result, Hadassah has become an internationally respected centre for innovation in fields including cancer research, genetics, immunology and personalised medicine.

What Makes Hadassah Unique

Several characteristics distinguish Hadassah among global hospitals:

Medicine beyond politics

Hadassah treats patients from all backgrounds — Jewish, Muslim and Christian — often side by side in the same wards, providing care regardless of nationality or religion. Its medical teams reflect this diversity, bringing together professionals from across communities united by a shared commitment to patient care.

Integrated research and clinical care

The close partnership with the Hebrew University allows discoveries to translate rapidly from laboratory research into patient treatment.

Global medical innovation

Hadassah researchers contribute to advances in cancer treatment, genetics and personalised medicine that influence healthcare worldwide.

A humanitarian legacy

For more than a century Hadassah has delivered healthcare guided by compassion, scientific excellence and a commitment to improving lives.

Hadassah's Role Today

Israel's healthcare system has faced extraordinary pressures in recent years. Following the October 7 attacks and the ongoing demands placed on the country's medical services, Hadassah has played a critical role in treating mass casualty trauma, performing complex surgical procedures and supporting long-term rehabilitation for those affected. Philanthropic support from around the world plays a vital role in enabling Hadassah to continue developing their capabilities and advancing medical breakthroughs.

Alongside this emergency response, Hadassah remains a leader in areas including:

- Trauma medicine and rehabilitation
- Advanced surgical innovation
- Mental health and psychological recovery
- Cancer treatment and research
- Genetic and personalised medicine

Looking ahead, Hadassah aims to strengthen its role as a global centre for medical innovation, trauma medicine and translational research. Through continued investment in clinical care, scientific discovery and medical education, Hadassah seeks to ensure that breakthroughs made in Jerusalem continue to improve patient outcomes both in Israel and internationally. Philanthropy will remain essential in supporting this vision.

The Role of Hadassah UK

Hadassah UK strengthens the hospital's work by:

- raising philanthropic funding for priority medical programmes and capital projects
- building partnerships with donors, trusts and institutions in the UK
- promoting awareness of Hadassah's global medical impact
- hosting visiting doctors, scientists and medical leaders

Over the past 15 years Hadassah UK has helped raise more than £20 million supporting medical research, infrastructure and training. The organisation now aims to expand its donor base and strengthen Hadassah's profile within the UK philanthropic and medical communities.

Strategic Priorities (2026–2029):

Hadassah UK's strategic priorities include:

Strengthening trauma and rehabilitation capacity

Supporting Hadassah's role as a leader in trauma care and recovery.

Advancing medical innovation

Supporting research programmes that contribute to global healthcare breakthroughs.

Expanding the UK donor base

Developing stronger relationships with major donors, trusts and foundations.

Building strategic partnerships

Working with medical institutions, philanthropic organisations and international partners.

Raising Hadassah's profile in the UK:

Positioning Hadassah as a global leader in healthcare innovation and humanitarian medicine.

Through the generosity of its supporters, Hadassah UK contributes to initiatives that strengthen the hospitals' ability to provide exceptional medical care and advance medical innovation.

Areas supported include:

- Advanced trauma and emergency medicine
- Cancer treatment and research
- Medical innovation and technology
- Training and education of medical professionals
- Programmes that demonstrate cooperation between Jewish and Arab medical staff and patients

Hadassah's hospitals treat more than one million patients each year and are internationally recognised for their medical expertise, research breakthroughs, and commitment to treating every patient with dignity and compassion.

Support from Hadassah UK helps ensure that these hospitals can continue to invest in life-saving treatments, modern facilities, and the next generation of medical professionals.

The Role of Hadassah UK Trustees

Overview

Trustees play a vital role in guiding the direction, sustainability, and impact of Hadassah UK. As members of the Board, trustees are responsible for ensuring that the organisation fulfils its charitable objectives while maintaining strong governance and strategic oversight. Trustees work collaboratively with the professional team to support fundraising, expand donor networks, and promote the mission of Hadassah - their insight, experience, and connections are essential in helping Hadassah UK grow its impact. Trustees also act as ambassadors within their own networks and communities, helping raise awareness of the vital work of Hadassah's hospitals in Jerusalem and the importance of international philanthropic support.

Core Responsibilities of Trustees

Trustees are expected to bring their professional expertise, networks, and enthusiasm to support the long-term development of Hadassah UK. **Key responsibilities include:**

- Helping set the strategic vision and priorities for the organisation.
- Ensuring that Hadassah UK operates in line with its charitable objectives and legal obligations.
- Supporting fundraising efforts and introducing new supporters, partners, and donors where possible.
- Acting as ambassadors for the organisation within the community and professional networks.
- Providing expertise, advice, and oversight in fundraising, communications, finance and governance.

What This Looks Like in Practice

Trustees are not expected to carry out day-to-day operational tasks but rather to provide strategic support, guidance, and connections to help the organisation grow. **In practice, trustees may:**

- Attend and contribute to board meetings and strategic discussions.
- Introduce potential donors, partners, or supporters to Hadassah UK.
- Host or attend fundraising events and community gatherings.
- Offer guidance on strategic initiatives, campaigns, or partnerships.
- Support communications and outreach by sharing Hadassah's story.
- Help identify opportunities to expand Hadassah UK's reach within the UK community.

Trustee Onboarding and Support

Hadassah UK aims to ensure that new trustees feel welcomed, informed, and supported in their role:

Orientation Meeting

An introductory session with leadership to explain Hadassah UK's mission, structure, and current priorities.

Board Integration

An introduction to fellow trustees and opportunities to engage in upcoming discussions and initiatives.

Briefings and Updates

Regular updates about Hadassah hospital developments, campaigns, and projects.

Opportunities for Engagement

Trustees will be invited to attend events with key supporters and where possible participate in visits to Hadassah Hospital to see the impact of the organisation firsthand. This onboarding process helps ensure that trustees feel confident in their role and connected to the mission they are helping to support.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Hadassah UK proudly support Hadassah Hospital's mission of peaceful coexistence, dedication to saving lives today, and finding medical solutions for a world of tomorrow.

GLOBAL STRUCTURE

Hadassah UK is part of a wider global network supporting the work of the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) in Jerusalem.

The Hadassah Medical Organization operates two world-class hospitals:

- Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem
- Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus

These hospitals provide advanced medical care, groundbreaking research, and medical education, serving patients from across Israel and the region regardless of background or religion.

International philanthropic support is coordinated through a network of organisations including:

- Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization of America (HWZOA)
- Hadassah International
- Hadassah UK and other international affiliates

Hadassah UK focuses on building support in the United Kingdom through fundraising, partnerships, and community engagement to help sustain and expand the hospital's lifesaving work.

KEY STATISTICS

- **1,300-bed hospital across two campuses in Jerusalem**
- **Over 1 million patients are treated annually**
- **Approximately 50,000 surgeries are performed each year**
- **Over 7,000 employees — making Hadassah the largest non-governmental employer in Jerusalem**
- **Approximately one third of staff come from Arab communities, reflecting the diversity of Jerusalem's population**
- **Major academic partnership with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

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