



Explore Jerusalem's premier, state-of-the-art hospital center that is defining the future of medicine in Israel.

HADASSAH





Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem



Hadassah Hospital Mt. Scopus



## HADASSAH'S HOSPITALS

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America — nearly 300,000 women and men in the United States — has supported Hadassah's hospitals for more than a century. Today, Hadassah's hospitals are healing our world, bringing cutting-edge care to the people of Israel and around the globe, **servicing one million patients a year.**



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# Your COVID-19 Questions, Answered.

At Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem, medical personnel cared for **one in every six patients in Israel**, making it the largest COVID-19 treatment center in the country — and the only hospital in Israel to open a COVID-19 Pediatric ICU. From being the first in Israel to implement regular COVID-19 testing for their entire medical staff to developing a low-cost, open-source ventilator, innovative medical solutions at Hadassah's hospitals have been adopted around the world.

Take a tour inside our hospitals. You'll learn about new COVID-19 treatments, see the famous low-cost open source ventilator that is being used by eight countries, and meet with senior administrators to learn best practices to support the mental health needs of health care workers.



## Hadassah's Hospitals Did It First

During your visit, you'll travel through history and learn how Hadassah contributed to building Israel's medical infrastructure — from the first medical camps in the early 1900s to our modern-day, world-renowned hospitals.



## 1913

Two Hadassah nurses from the US travel to pre-state Israel to provide maternity care and treat trachoma.



# Making Headlines: Working Side by Side, Saving Lives



Transcending religious, political and geographical boundaries, Hadassah's hospitals are setting the standard for medical excellence in Israel. Earning a Nobel Peace Prize nomination for building bridges to peace through medicine, our hospitals serve patients regardless of their religion, race or nationality. Meet some of our doctors, nurses and researchers who are from diverse religious, ethnic and social backgrounds — and are proud to work together to save lives.

- *The Washington Post* spotlighted interfaith cooperation in Israel in a front-page story, highlighting Jewish and Arab doctors working side by side to fight COVID-19.
- *The New York Times* published the remarkable story about Hadassah surgeon Dr. Madi El-Haj, an Arab, who performed a successful surgery on Dvir Musai, a Jewish patient, using detailed nerve illustrations from a Nazi-era textbook.



## 1918

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, forms the American Zionist Medical Unit to create permanent health care programs.



## 1922

First 22 nurses trained in Israel are certified.

## 1939

Hadassah Hospital Mt. Scopus, the most modern medical facility in the Middle East, opens.



# Explore the Future of Medicine



Hadassah's hospitals are developing novel technologies, serving as a model for medical centers worldwide, in close partnership with the US. Hadassah doctors receive over half of the Israeli Science Foundation grants for medical research. Meet with some of the doctors advancing this technology and research to learn about the latest medical breakthroughs.

*“Our hospital staffs...have the extensive knowledge that enables them to make use of advanced and smart technologies, many of which are groundbreaking at the world level. This places our medical center at the forefront of medicine in Israel and around the world.”*

*~ Prof. Yoram Weiss  
Acting Director General  
Hadassah Medical Organization*



## 1948

While traveling to Mount Scopus, a medical convoy is attacked, killing 78 people and forcing Hadassah to evacuate its facilities on Mount Scopus to protect staff and patients.

## 1949

The Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Medicine opens.

## 1952

Groundbreaking for Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem in West Jerusalem.



# “Impressive Firsts in Innovation

## Awards and Recognition for Excellence



Hadassah's hospitals named **“Best in Class”** by Israeli Health Ministry in 2021



Newsweek named Hadassah's hospitals among the **best 250 hospitals in the world** in cardiology and oncology in 2021



Hadassah researchers **received six** of the eight coveted **physician-researcher grants** awarded by the Israel Science Foundation in 2020



Awarded **Outstanding Neonatal Unit** Award by Israel's Ministry of Health's STAR program in 2019



Our hospitals **earned a Nobel Peace Prize nomination** for building bridges to peace through medicine in 2005

Performed world's first-ever **dual robotic surgery**

Performed world's first **spinal surgery with awake patient**

Performed world's first-ever **live vein transplant**

Launched Israel's first **biotechnology hub within a medical center**

**Developed a low-cost, open-source ventilator** with the support of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) to combat COVID-19

### 1959

First open heart surgery in Israel.

### 1964

First double bypass surgery in Israel.



### 1967

After the Six-Day War and the reunification of Jerusalem, Hadassah National President Charlotte Jacobson travels to Mount Scopus to receive the keys to the hospital, marking the reunification between Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus and Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem.



# Meet the First Responders Healing Our World

Explore Hadassah's pioneering trauma center and meet the team known for lifesaving innovations. From developing triage procedures and surgical techniques that aided surgeons following the Boston Marathon bombing of 2013 to working as first responders and providing mass casualty training to medical personnel — you'll be inspired by personal stories from our doctors and triage nurses who bring vital aid to millions of people across the globe.



## 1969

First 24-hour emergency units open for respiratory and coronary care, burns and trauma.

## 1970

First computerized patient management system in Israel.

## 1977

Israel's first cancer institute, The Sharett Institute of Oncology, opens.



# Peaceful Reflection: The Chagall Windows

Visit the world-renowned 12 stained glass windows by artist Marc Chagall at the Fannie and Maxwell Abbell Synagogue in Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem. Take a moment to reflect as light emanates from the windows: each represents one of the 12 sons of the patriarch Jacob, and they bathe the synagogue in a beautiful glow.

*“I felt my mother and father looking over my shoulder; and behind them were Jews, millions of other vanished Jews — of yesterday and a thousand years ago.”*

*~ said Marc Chagall while working on the famous windows*



## 1986

First successful heart transplant in Israel.

## 1991

First rapid response Trauma Treatment Center in Israel opens.

## 1992

Israel's first successful heart-lung transplant.

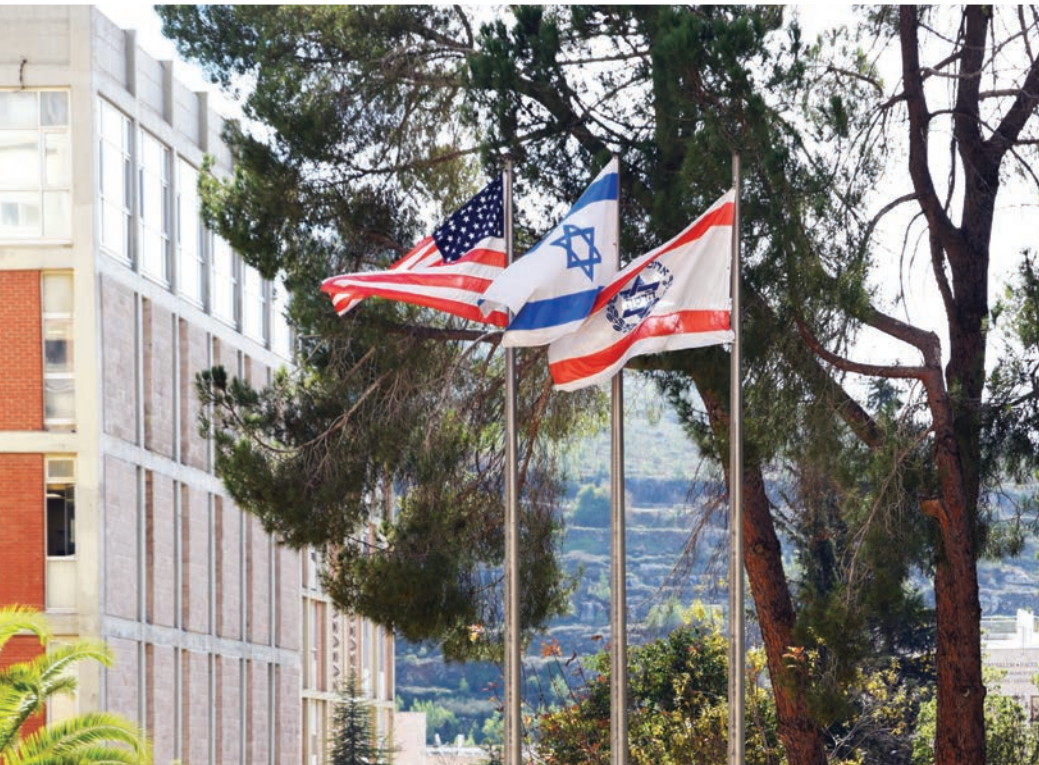


# USAID Funding Provides Lifesaving Technology



As founders and supporters of Hadassah's hospitals, Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. (HWZOA), is proud to advocate for enhanced US-Israel medical partnerships to increase collaboration in research and development.

Hadassah is grateful for the support of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) USAID's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) grants, which have brought lifesaving technology to our hospitals in Jerusalem. USAID's Ocean Freight Reimbursement program allows the shipment of the most technologically advanced medical equipment and supplies to the Hadassah Medical Organization free of VAT (valued added tax) through a two-year grant.



## 2005

Hadassah's hospitals nominated for Nobel Peace Prize.

## 2018

First in the world to find link between BRCA gene mutation and colorectal cancer.

## 2019

First in Israel to use new imaging technology that saves precious minutes in stroke diagnosis.



# Memorable Moments with Special Guests

*“I am amazed by the level of dedication and the staff’s impressive devotion to the patients, as well as by the continuous thought which goes into treatment. [The thought is] not just about the sick children, but also about their families. I am impressed by the level of involvement of every staff member in the patients’ treatment.”*

~ World Health Organization (WHO) Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus while touring Hadassah Medical Center’s Ein Kerem campus



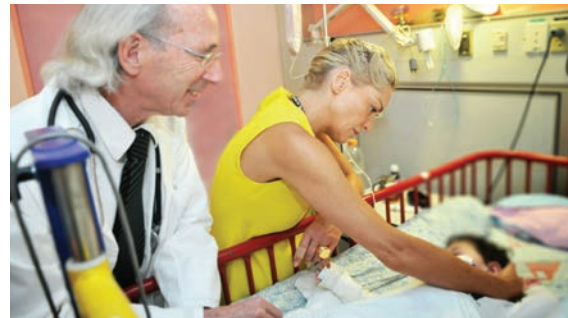
Michael Bloomberg and his mother, Charlotte Rubens Bloomberg, at the dedication of the Charlotte R. Bloomberg Mother & Child Center

**“I have seen firsthand the work [Hadassah’s hospitals] are doing throughout the Middle East and I have been an advocate for Hadassah in providing partnerships to advance health care in the region. I really do believe Hadassah has built the bridges and infrastructure for lasting peace in the Middle East.”**

~ U.S. Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland



First Ladies Melania Trump and Sara Netanyahu meet with Hadassah physicians, nurses and pediatric patients in 2017



Sharon Stone meeting with Prof. Dan Engelhard, head of Hadassah’s Pediatric AIDS Center, which developed an integrative method of treating children who are HIV positive in Israel and around the world.



Deepak Chopra visited Hadassah’s hospitals to discuss possible joint project on quantum biology

**“I believe in the work you do, one person at a time, building this wonderful place. I urge everyone to do whatever they can do to help Hadassah.”**

~ Sharon Stone

*Names are included for informational purposes only and do not imply endorsement of Hadassah.*



## 2019

Lokomat — the advanced robotic treadmill for gait therapy — installed at the rehabilitation center.

## 2020

First in Israel to conduct COVID-19 regular testing for entire medical staff.

## 2021

Hadassah’s hospitals named “Best in Class” by Israeli Health Ministry.



# PLAN YOUR VISIT

Our incredible Hadassah medical teams are excited to welcome you to Israel!

To plan your visit, please contact us at [I2I@hadassah.org](mailto:I2I@hadassah.org).

## QUESTIONS?

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