

Aruchat Bat Ami is the motto of Hadassah: The healing of the Daughter of my people. Each one of us is a Daughter of the healing of My People, and through our support of Hadassah, TOGETHER, we are helping to bring healing to the world,

As members of Hadassah, over 330,000 strong, we are a part of the largest women's Zionist organization in the United States.

The vision of National Hadassah is: to strengthen a connection to Israel with Hadassah leading the way, bringing healing and justice to the world. Hadassah offers us opportunities to put into action our Jewish values of Tikkun Olam, Tzedakah, and Gemilut Chasadim.

With that in mind, MY VISION for Seattle Hadassah is that of Opening Doors—meaning creating opportunities for us to grow and feel that our involvement with Hadassah makes a difference, a difference in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Now, it takes a key to open doors. Each one of us has a key on her name tag—not just the Board members you saw installed. My vision is for each person to feel she wants to use her key to come in and participate, or better yet, to get involved in the planning. My vision is that even if you only have a little time, you can do something. There are opportunities of all sizes. And the secret is: It's FUN!!!

Building on the popular salon series, my vision is to be Opening Doors to learning about women's health issues; Opening Doors to the latest research at Hadassah Medical Organization; Opening Doors to learning about Hadassah's priorities in Advocacy issues in the United States; Opening Doors to representing Hadassah in our Seattle Community; Opening Doors to educating ourselves about Israel and Zionism; and last, but not least, Opening Doors to Annual Giving and the Round Building 360 Degree Campaign you'll be hearing more about.

To begin a conversation about Zionism, it gives me great pleasure at this time to introduce Kin-dra Cooper, Chair, American Affairs and Domestic Policy Committee.