



# *Na'amat Ottawa Achshav*

June 2011

## International Women's Day speaker fires up the podium

In April, Na'amat Ottawa commemorated International Women's Day by inviting Julie Taub, an Ottawa-based lawyer specializing in the field of Canadian Immigration law, to speak to us. Ms. Taub did not mince words when speaking about immigration and refugee issues that we should be aware of. She spoke about the problems of Canada's refugee system and how women fleeing sharia law in Muslim lands – and their husbands – are affected.

Ms. Taub is a former Member of the Immigration and Refugee Board and currently deals with work permits, spousal and family sponsorships and immigration to Canada.

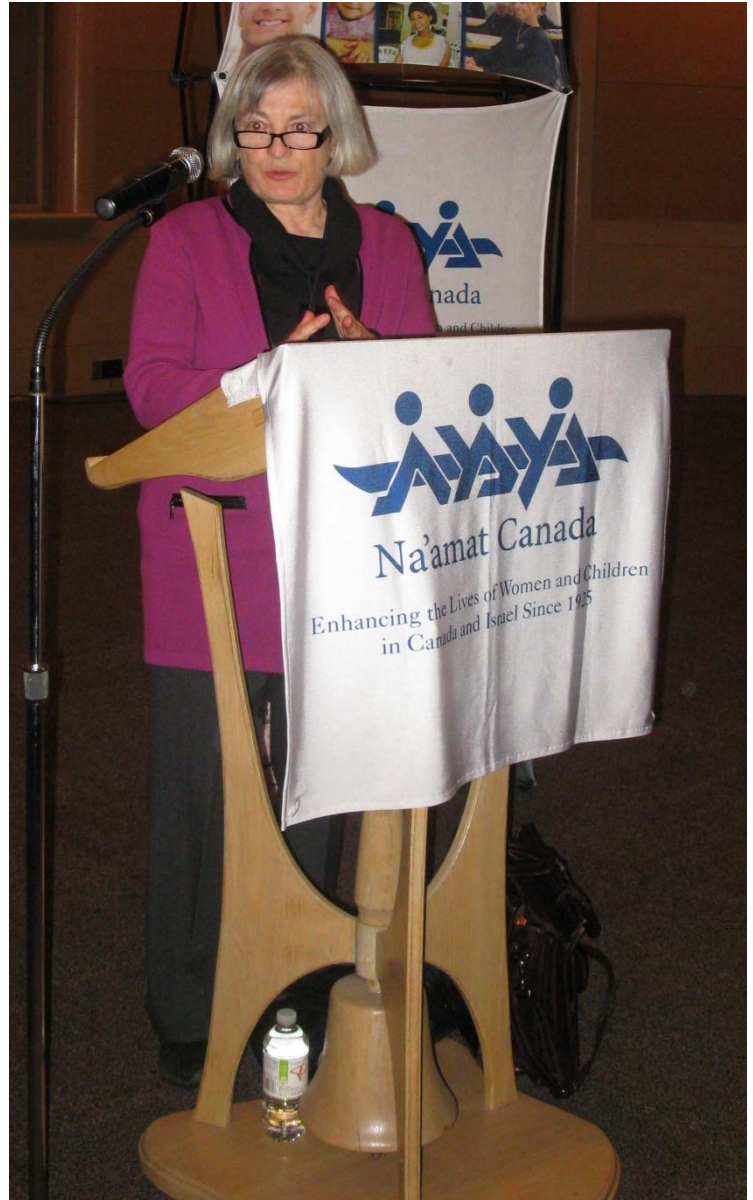
MPP Rick Chiarelli sponsored the event, which was held at Ben Franklin Place.

## President's Message

Lots has happened since December and our last Na'amat Ottawa Achshav newsletter: A successful January Fundraiser, the Aviva Wine Sale, chapter programs and more.

This year, Na'amat Ottawa raised a record amount for the Perpetual Scholarship Fund. This is in addition to the funds raised for the Glickman Centre and all other non-designated funds. The focus on encouraging women's representation in academia is an important one and it is sometimes lost among the needs of women who are in need of basic services.

This is my last message as president of Na'amat Ottawa Council. I now turn over the seat to Eileen Barak and wish her congratulations and of course, all the best. Council feels like family to me and as such, I want to thank you all, my Na'amat "sisters" for all



Speaker Julie Taub at International Women's Day

your help and encouragement not only this past year, but always.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to lots of company at Convention in Toronto this September.

- Ilana Albert-Novick

## Aviva Chapter

Aviva had a busy winter session. In January, Jane Gordon talked about her involvement with the One Family Fund that assists Israeli soldiers, as well as individuals affected by bombings. In February, our speaker spoke about osteoporosis. In March, we had our first annual book review, where we discussed the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. We enjoyed Thai food for our after Passover dinner out. In June, Rabbi Braun talked to us about the situation in Israel and the Middle East, with an historical introduction. We finished our year with our closing program, a potluck supper.



Marian Lederman, Anita Blanshay, and Alan Berger



Andrea Malek and Elianna Saidenberg at the January Fundraiser

## Na'amat Canada Florida Luncheon

Na'amat Ottawa members Marian Lederman and Annette Albert attended the annual Na'amat Canada Florida Luncheon February 8th at the Brooks Restaurant in Deerfield Beach. The speaker was Dr. Alan Berger, Professor and Raddock Family Eminent Scholar Chair for Holocaust Studies at Florida Atlantic University. He spoke about Islamophobia and the Jewish World. Marian was honoured to be asked to thank the speaker. Marian's mother Hazel Lederman is an active member of the Century Village East Na'amat Canada group.



Marian Lederman, Annette Albert, and Lew Perelmutter

**Na'amat is looking for at least **one member** from every chapter to join a new membership committee. Our goal is to try to increase interest and attract new members. We will be having our first meeting in early August to discuss ideas. Anyone interested- please contact Andrea Malek at [andreamalek@rogers.com](mailto:andreamalek@rogers.com)**



### Mother's Day Cards

Thank you to Marian Lederman, Sarah Beutel and Judy Field for once again getting the Na'amat Ottawa Mother's Day Tribute Card program out and delivered. These cards are appreciated and, of course, raise needed money for Israel. Thank you to everyone who supported the program and purchased cards this year for their mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters and friends.

**The 2011 Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory is now available. If you haven't received your copy, please call Judy Field at 613.231.4938 or e-mail her at [judyfield@rogers.com](mailto:judyfield@rogers.com) to request a copy. The cost is \$26.00 and will be delivered to your home. Should you be moving in the next few months, please remember to update your listing in the Directory by contacting Judy. Thanks for helping to keep the Directory up to date.!**

### January fundraiser a huge success!

A splash of fun, a dash of delicious food, and heaps of great friends were enjoyed at this year's Winter Wonderland January Auction Party. Hosted at the Nepean Sailing Club, guests enjoyed the new venue and helped raise a record amount for Na'amat Canada's Glickman Centre for the Bedroom Campaign of the Prevention of Family Violence located in Tel Aviv. Thank you to the members who organized the event and to all our sponsors, donors and of course attendees: We couldn't have done it without you!

*- Ilana Albert-Novick*

### Members Only Website

New to Na'amat? Been a long standing member but want to see what is new? Log on to [www.naamat.com](http://www.naamat.com) and visit the Members Only pages. The password is available from your Chapter President. Our National Committees have developed a wealth of resource material that is available to you through this online library. Click on the links to see what the Na'amat Canada Membership, Fundraising, and Education Committees have to offer and check out the Marketing & P.R. blog as well!

**Book now to attend the  
Na'amat National Convention, September 9-11, 2011  
at the Sheraton Centre in downtown Toronto.**

**Registration is \$225 per person, and includes a banquet dinner  
on Sunday night.**

**The room rate is \$180, with shared rates available.**

**Please contact Marian Lederman at (613) 224-6743 or  
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## News from Israel

Dear Haverot,

I wanted to share with you a very special experience that I had last week. I went to visit the "Shalom" Day Care Center in Jaffa with a woman from El Salvador who is a president of one of the leading trade unions in South America.

The "Shalom" Day Care Centre has 71 children, half of whom are Jewish and half Arabs – Muslims and Christians. The caregivers speak Hebrew and Arabic to the children, they teach everything simultaneously in both languages, and all the costumes and holidays of the 3 religions are being taught in this unique center. It is real co-existence without any barriers.

When we entered the center the children were already sitting in a long festive table, covered with a beautiful tablecloth, flowers and Hagada, waiting to begin "Seder Pesach".

It was really a very moving experience to be there on that special day. All the children – Jewish and Arabs – were singing songs from the Hadaga together with guitar playing. Our most devoted caregivers made special food for Pesach which was very tasty... matza and grape juice were on the table. The atmosphere was wonderful. Our visitor was most impressed and we both felt that our world would be much safer if we take an example from these small children – Jewish, Muslims and Christians, of what friendship is all about.

- Shirli Shavit

