

Hadassah. A Tapestry of Tradition.

These are photographs of Hadassah women who over the years have dedicated their lives supporting our projects both in the USA and Israel, and in doing so, have made the world a better place. Isn't there a woman you would like to see join in this wonderful tradition? Please call your local ARC office to give us her name and phone number so we can personally invite her to join. (see page 2)



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Symphony

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She says, "I'm looking forward to an afternoon of pure pleasure." The lyrical and powerfully moving oratorio by Jewish composer Andrea Clearfield, "Women of Valor: Omoro," will be heard for the first time. This inspirational piece, in three movements, features the luminous voices of soprano Hila Pittman and mezzo-soprano Gail Dabinbaum, and Arias highlight the stories of ten Biblical women — Sarah, Leah, Rachel, Jezebel, Miriam, Hannah, Jael, Michael, Ruth, and Esther. The composer has interwoven Biblical texts, stories, and the words of eight contemporary Jewish women writers into a tapestry of ancient and original chants, recitations and arias, and spoken narration. Three exciting pieces by women composers round out the program. The beautiful

MUSICAL MIDRASH Music Celebrates Women of Bible

Given that Hadassah honors many Women of Valor, HSC is the perfect organization to sponsor this wonderful tribute to women, both past and present. The concept for the oratorio was inspired by a midrash which connects each line of Proverbs 31, Eshet Hayil ("A Woman of Valor") to a woman in the Bible, says Andrea Clearfield. "My 'musical midrash' reflects the poetic, colorful, beautiful, mysterious, and celebratory aspects of the texts, which are drawn both from the Bible and from modern works written by Jewish women." Andrea believes it is important to create new artistic midrash where the women's voices of the Bible are not only heard, but reflected in contemporary terms.

"Overture" by Franz Mendelssohn is a piece which has rarely been heard since the composer's lifetime, overshadowed as she was by her famous brother Felix Mendelssohn. Meira Warshawer's captivating "Like Streams in the Desert" was inspired by Psalm 126 and the return of exiles to Zion. Its plaintive melodies give way to energetic motifs. Tzipori Fleisher's toccata, "Strays — Bow and Arrow," is a dramatic piece suggesting the terming life of Galilee. It features a solo violin and Arabic drums.

"The mission of the L.A. Jewish Symphony, which is unlike any other orchestra in the world, is to present music that reflects our heritage and our culture," says Noreen Green, Conductor and Founder of the orchestra, who came up with the concept of featuring all women composers.



Andrea Clearfield

"This concept and journey continued with my mother, who as a professional artist, created a logo and stunning painting for "Women of Valor." This tapestry of life comes full circle and I'm deeply grateful to Hadassah for giving me the opportunity to make this oratorio come alive.

Women of Valor Concert Tickets

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Music of the Heart

**Concert to Weave
Musical Tapestry
of Jewish Women**

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On Sale**
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IT'S A MOMENTOUS OCCASION for Hadassah Southern California – we are proud to present a spectacular musical event, featuring the world premiere of an oratorio which HSC is sponsoring. The groundbreaking concert, **“Women of Valor: A Celebration of Women in Music,”** will be performed on Sunday, April 16, at 2:30 P.M., at Royce Hall at UCLA. This unique program is a homage to women, featuring music about Jewish women written by talented

women composers and performed by the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony and renowned vocal soloists.

“There is a lot of classical music, but this is our own music and our own culture, which makes it very special,” says Chris Bass, one of the event’s chairs. “I’m very excited to be part of this – we’re responsible for bringing into existence something that could be a significant piece of music.”



**Women of Valor
Concert Chairs
(Left to right):
Debra Kasirer
Jann Berman
Naomi Rabinowitz
and Chris Bass**

Along with her co-chairs, Jann Berman, Debra Kasirer, and Naomi Rabinowitz, Chris feels that not only is this an important concert, but it will be a truly enjoyable one.

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