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Shalom,

I am writing this with a heavy heart to inform you that Hadassah's financial situation is facing unprecedented challenges.

Like so many others, Hadassah had investments with Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, LLC. He was one of more than two dozen portfolio managers who invested our funds. At the time of his arrest last week, Hadassah had a portion of its assets invested with his firm.

While Mr. Madoff's fraudulent activities and the global recession have significantly impacted our financial status, Hadassah remains strong and committed to fulfilling our Zionist mission. Indeed, let me assure all of you that we have been working diligently on many strategic cost reduction options for the past several months.

I appeal to you simply and humbly: the need for immediate financial support for Hadassah is urgent. Historically, it is in periods of personal and organizational crisis that Hadassah's members and supporters have come together, drawing strength from one another. Now is one of those times.

Please make a new gift today. It will have a profound impact on everyone who believes in our partnership with Israel and on everyone who has benefited from your unyielding support. At a time when we recall the miracles of Hanukkah, I am counting on you.

With profound thanks,

Nancy Falchuk
National President