

# Hadassah members partner with Medallion residents for Yom HaShoah art project



Emma Lazarus Hadassah member Jean Shabot works with resident Shirley Cooper on her art project.



Linda Freedman Block (right), past president of Hadassah Greater Southwest Region, enjoys working and chatting with resident Kristina Stancic.

Residents of The Medallion had a wonderful time participating in a special Yom HaShoah art project with the Emma Lazarus group of Houston Hadassah on April 19. The Hadassah group planned their April meeting to coincide with Yom HaShoah and chose The Medallion as a venue where they could include seniors.

"We want to thank the residents of The Medallion for graciously hosting the evening program for us. We all had such a good time helping them all with the art project," said Syndy Baum Gold, Emma Lazarus group president.

Speaking about her experiences as a child of Holocaust survivors was Rozalie Jerome, president and executive director of the Holocaust Remembrance Association, based in Kingwood, Texas. She was the force behind the Holocaust Garden of Hope, an outdoor museum dedicated to the children murdered during the Holocaust.

Each participant was given two smooth stones on which to write the name of a child, along with their age and the concentration camp where they perished in the Holocaust. On the other side of the stone, they painted any design they wanted. The beautifully decorated stones will be placed in a special area at the outdoor museum.

At the beginning of the program, Gold asked how many Medallion residents were members of Hadassah. At least seven residents raised their hands. One resident, Ada Caplan, said she is a former group president.

Later, Gold asked who had lost a family member in the Holocaust and at least half of the audience, which included Medallion residents and Lazarus members,



Rozalie Jerome shows resident Selma Silverberg how to paint her rock.

raised their hands.

The residents enjoyed socializing with Hadassah members who assisted them with painting the rocks.

"Approximately 20 residents and 10 guest Hadassah members participated in the art project," said Jennifer Barnes, Life Enrichment director at The Medallion.

"We literally had a full house in our Oolam activity room and welcomed many more residents than we originally expected. Our residents really love art projects and this one was very special to everyone." □