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**From:** Judith Futerfas <xxx>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:28 PM  
**To:** xxx  
**Cc:** Judith Futerfas  
**Subject:** Please refund membership

Dear xxx,

I am sorry but I must request that my lifetime membership fee be refunded. That was \$214.00 paid on 1.3.18. Please forward this email to the proper person to do so. I would be glad to return my pin. I have extremely serious reasons for making this request. As you know, I have had some very concerning matters that I conveyed to you. It appears that these concerns were not even forwarded to Hadassah security and were not further investigated (if this is not correct please let me know). My subsequent information to you conveyed only a small percentage of what I have been subjected to. I do not expect Hadassah to understand or be aware of all of these concerns, but I have them all documented and know very well what the pattern of brutal retaliation and harassment has been, and did mention a bit about that in emails to you. I cannot say that the issue with the Hadassah mailing was related, but I KNOW that it certainly fits the pattern, including horrid events preceding and afterwards, and was also quite strange. As mentioned, I have had numerous problems with mail of significance (also mentioned this to you previously), including lost, opened, delayed, etc., including with FedEx, UPS, and USPS. This has included not only mail to/from Hadassah, but the Florida Bar, the Manatee County Probate Court, attorneys, etc. If my concerns are correct, there is horrid, unethical, and illegal activity occurring, including by Jews (and non-Jews), and in this instance, involving someone at Hadassah and using your mail facilities.

Thank you for all of your help regarding my concerns. I imagine that this decision not to investigate was from above you. No organization should overlook problems within their own group. Choosing not to address these issues does not make them go away. My concerns are of a particularly egregious nature, and although what Hadassah does advocate for is important, those matters do not at all rise to the level of the concerns I have. I also think that all organizations should "walk the walk" within their own organization, prior to portraying legitimacy in regards to taking stands on related issues, outside of their organization. Today I received an email from Hadassah regarding hate crimes. It read, in part, "... Although Florida already has a hate crime law, it does not protect all Floridians. Senate Bill 940 ([SB 940](#)) would make the hate crime law comprehensive by fixing critical gaps in the statute..." What I have reported against me are also hate crimes.

As another very important mention along these lines, I recently became aware of horrid abuse of children within the Orthodoxy. Unbelievably, many, probably most of these abusers just move from one Shul to another, with no system to monitor them. It appears they are rarely criminally charged, and in fact are often protected by the local religious and/or political system. Even Israel lets them enter and live there without repercussions. Israel, most horribly,

has a very severe problem in these regards. In the US, retaliation for those who complain or report has been vicious and includes physical assaults and community shunning. I can send you links in these regards if requested. Last month xxx asked me to be Chair of the Education Committee and I presented these abuse concerns, after discussion with her, at our regional meeting. She and I went to the meeting together. I asked Hadassah members at the meeting and in subsequent emails to advocate for this cause, in whatever manner they wanted to, and I would be glad to help. However, this very serious advocacy topic was declined. Understandably, many of the members present at that Hadassah meeting were devastated to know about this abuse. A holocaust survivor at the meeting was in shock, and asked me, "Why?". She said that this abuse was worse ...

We did have another regional meeting this past Sunday. However, I received not one call or email from xxx in regards to that meeting. This is curious as well, and I wonder if she knows what's going on in regards to my concerns (as mentioned in my prior email to you)? Has she been asked by Hadassah? Clearly, if my concerns in regards to this Hadassah mailing are an actuality, I would think Hadassah would want to get to the bottom of this. It seems that any member involved in such hate, or just knowing about such and not saying anything, should leave the organization (if not suffer further legal consequences).

Hadassah does a lot of good, but I cannot, in good conscious, and with my experience as mentioned above with similar events, overlook this incident and Hadassah's apparent failure to do the slightest investigating. If xxx has any information along these lines, I would appreciate knowing that. We do have bad Jews, as there are bad and good in all groups. Jews commit hate crimes, and abuse, and selective acknowledgement of these perpetrators is to the detriment of everyone. Even the ADL does not condone radicalism from anyone, even other Jews.

If anyone has questions I would be glad to answer them and send any other documentation. My mailing address is below. I am open to any solution, but thus far I have been shunned and ignored. This is something we see in other religions, not something mainstream, humanitarian Jewish organizations should partake of.

Again, thank you xxx. *Judy*

Judith Futerfas

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