



Hadassah Lieberman

Inspiring Speaker on Issues of Health, Women & Judaism

About:

- **Gender:** Female
- **Nationality:** United States
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

Engagement Types:

- Speaking

Topics:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Motivation and Inspiration

Biography Highlights

- Health Care Diplomat & Strategist
- Developed an Advisory Network for Women's Health, the Sister Network
- Daughter of Holocaust Survivors

Biography

Hadassah Freilich Lieberman has dedicated much of her life's work to health issues, assisting nonprofit organizations, improving educational standards, and promoting international understanding. Her focus on global women's health issues has reinforced her belief that health diplomacy is of utmost importance; and that prevention and treatment of women's health problems builds a natural commonality. Her international focus has included microfinance projects which are improving the social status of women as they alleviate poverty.

Domestically, she developed an Advisory Network for Women's Health, the Sister Network, which focused on promoting awareness and prevention of heart disease. In addition, she directed HFL & Associates, an independent consulting firm dedicated to expanding domestic and international awareness of non-profit organizations; developed a series of national conferences on health-related issues at APCO Associates; worked to link American business and industry to world class standards in mathematics and science at the National Research Council; launched an \$11 million

health care campaign for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals; developed a public affairs department at Hoffmann-La Roche; and worked as a research analyst at Lehman Brothers.

In addition to her professional responsibilities, Mrs. Lieberman also has devoted considerable time and energy to community service, which has included Best Friends, a youth development and character building program for teenage girls; Meridian House, a nonprofit educational institution that promotes international understanding; and the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation, which memorializes victims of the Holocaust. She was a member of the United States delegation to the commemoration ceremonies marking the liberation of Auschwitz and has participated in international forums on environmental and socioeconomic issues in Eastern Europe. She also has chaired the annual Ambassadors Ball, sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Hadassah Lieberman was born in Prague, Czech Republic. She left Eastern Europe in 1949, with her family and moved to Gardner, Massachusetts where she grew up. Mrs. Lieberman graduated from Boston University with a degree in Government and Dramatics. She received a Masters degree in international relations and American government from Northeastern University.

Mrs. Lieberman is married to Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut who was the Democratic vice-presidential candidate in the 2000 presidential election. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Videos



Hadassah's Topics

An Amazing Adventure

Mrs. Hadassah Lieberman weaves a fascinating narrative of her family's historic journey, from the concentration camps of Europe to the exciting world of Washington politics. As the wife of a Senator and vice-presidential nominee, Mrs. Lieberman shares the behind-the-scenes account of her time on the campaign trail, the colorful personalities she has met along the way, and the universal struggle of balancing work and family demands.

Available: In person, Virtually

The Responsibility of Being Jewish

Passionate about her heritage and her traditional upbringing, Mrs. Hadassah Lieberman has spent three decades advocating for Israel and a variety of Jewish causes. In a very candid discussion, she will explain the importance of instilling Jewish values in our children, the role of Judaism in her life, and the necessity of active participation in Jewish communal activities.

Available: In person, Virtually

The Baby Boomer Generation: What Does It Mean and Where Do We Go From Here?

With the Baby Boomers making up 25% of our nation's population, serious thought must be given to the many challenges that lie ahead for this rapidly growing contingent. Drawing on a career in the health field, Mrs. Hadassah Lieberman addresses the financial and practical issues surrounding consistent access to quality healthcare for Americans of all ages.

Available: In person, Virtually

Testimonials

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Hadassah Lieberman's new memoir is a candid, thoughtful and moving account of her journey from war-shattered Czechoslovakia to the heights of U.S politics. Its pages capture Hadassah's love of family, respect for tradition, and deep devotion to her adopted country. As a fellow immigrant, I am glad she is sharing her story of pursuing, and achieving, the American dream.

Madeleine K. Albright

Former Secretary of State

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It was such a pleasure working with Mrs. Lieberman. She was wonderful last night – the books were such a huge hit!

American Friends of Reuth

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My work in search of the tragic fate of Ukrainian Jews, as well as other victims of the Nazi war machine, has been sobering. Nonetheless, it is important to continue with this effort, to learn what we can, to listen to survivor testimony and to bear witness. This is exactly what Hadassah Lieberman has marvelously done in her amazing and moving book recounting her family's experiences during the Second World War. A book for young generations to read, to stay awake and to stay strong!

Father Patrick Desbois

Founder and President of Yahad-In Unum
and author of *The Holocaust by Bullets*

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Hadassah Lieberman's story is an American dream. A child of Holocaust survivors and a committed Jew, she became a witness to the topmost reaches of American political life, almost becoming the "Second Lady" of the United States. It was an unbelievable saga and she takes the reader along with her as she looks back on that journey.

Deborah Lipstadt

Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies
Emory University

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Drawing on both her personal and familial experiences, Hadassah Lieberman has written a moving and insightful memoir that speaks on the nature of faith, the importance of personal history, and the individual commitment that democracy requires.

Henry A. Kissinger

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Hadassah's story resonates with all immigrants regardless of where they came from or when. Her beautifully written memoir is moving and inspirational. It will make you cry; it will make you laugh. It is a uniquely American story and her journey is now a part of our history.

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao

former U.S. Secretary of Labor

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She is a delight and an inspiration and our event was ever-more successful as a result of her keynote address. It was a pleasure listening to her; you and your agency team also have been a pleasure to work with and we thank you.

Raleigh-Cary Jewish Federation

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The event went very well. Ms. Lieberman is a sweet and genuine person who touched and impressed many in the community.

Congregation Emek Beracha

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It was truly an honor and a pleasure to have you as the keynote speaker at our recent UJA Federation Campaign Closing Celebration. Your account of you and your husband's momentous journey on the campaign trail was extremely fascinating and your commitment to Judaism is truly admirable. We have received excellent feedback on the evening and much of that can be attributed to your warmth and candidness. Furthermore, I am appreciative that you made yourself available for the media and were very gracious in speaking and taking photos with attendees at the private reception prior to the main program.

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On behalf of the Women’s Department of Metro West, as well as myself, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Hadassah for serving as guest speaker at our CHOICES event. We had more women attend than ever before, and she did it! The women really enjoyed meeting with her and listening to her speak. Her remarks were inspiring and her warmth and commitment to the Jewish people helped make the evening a successful one.

United Jewish Appeal of Metrowest

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You were great! What a pleasure it was to have you here as our 16th annual Hilda Lubcher Memorial speaker. Your presentation was excellent, your care and concern for our audience and patrons was outstanding and your warmth filled the entire room of over 600 participants.

Congregation B'nai Israel

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Your remarks were very well received. Everyone was fascinated by the human interest events surrounding your husband’s nomination for the Vice-Presidency of the U.S. I was intrigued and enjoyed every word. There is an expression ‘What you see is what you get.’ In your case, what you see is a very attractive, youthful and energetic woman, but ‘you get’ very much more. You get wisdom and wit and charm and patience and strength of character and goodness.”

Florida Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem

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Thank you for your great appearance and many words in support of Torah and in yearning for Jewish Unity.

Phoenix Community Kollel

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It was a pleasure meeting you and being privileged to spend the evening with you. Both personally and on behalf of the 1,000 students of Boys Town Jerusalem who are the direct beneficiaries of your assistance, we offer our grateful appreciation. It was the attraction of meeting and hearing from the very special person who was so close to being the spouse of America’s first Jewish Vice President, that generated the turnout. You shared numerous interesting experiences of the campaign and spoke on a very personal level, making it all the more informative and enjoyable.

Boys Town Jerusalem Foundation of America

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We came together for a great cause and your words were most appropriate and exciting. To look out over an audience of 500 was a moment I will treasure. Your warmth and compassion came through with every word. Your comments on Congress and Israel were informative as were your feelings on the importance of our new Center for Emergency Medicine.

Hadassah of Greater Philadelphia

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I want to thank you for suggesting Hadassah Lieberman for our Community wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration. Not only was she an inspirational speaker, but her genuine warmth and compassion to all who clamored to meet her was astonishing. She took the time to hear the survivors’ stories and have her picture taken by all that asked. What a wonderful lady.

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I have had the opportunities to deal with some celebrities and high profile people in the past. In this case, I found Ms. Lieberman quite accommodating, gracious and just a pleasure with which to deal during the time she was with us. In addition, she gave a great presentation. Her topic, while interesting, was presented in a genuine, but professional manner that kept our sold out audience feeling that she was talking to each one individually. I would recommend Ms. Lieberman as a speaker to any organization that would be interested in her message.

Temple Shaarey Zedek

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Hadassah Lieberman charmed the almost 900 women at our program meeting yesterday afternoon. Her pose and elegance, her warmth and humor, her sensitivity and caring knowledge about the work we do for NCJW was palpable. I know that no one will ever forget her intelligent approach to life and the problems that face us.

National Council of Jewish Women

Books



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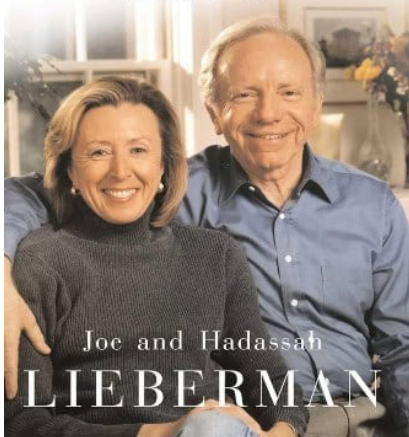
Hadassah: An American Story (HBI Series on Jewish Women)

Born in Prague to Holocaust survivors, Hadassah Lieberman and her family immigrated in 1949 to the United States. She went on to earn a BA from Boston University in government and dramatics and an MA in international relations and American government from Northeastern University. She built a career devoted largely to public health that has included positions at Lehman Brothers, Pfizer, and the National Research Council. After her first marriage ended in divorce, she married Joe Lieberman, a US senator from Connecticut who was the Democratic nominee for vice president with Al Gore and would go on to run for president. In *Hadassah*, Lieberman pens the compelling story of her extraordinary life: from her family's experience in Eastern Europe to their move to Gardner, Massachusetts; forging her career; experiencing divorce; and, following her remarriage, her life on the national political stage. By offering insight into her identity as an immigrant, an American Jew, a working woman, and a wife, mother, and grandmother, Lieberman's moving memoir speaks to many of the major issues of our time, from immigration to gender politics. Featuring an introduction by Joe Lieberman and an afterword by Megan McCain, it is a true American story.

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AN AMAZING ADVENTURE

Joe and Hadassah's Personal Notes on the 2000 Campaign



An Amazing Adventure: Joe and Hadassah's Personal Notes on the 2000 Campaign

A groundbreaking memoir featuring the personal recollections of former Senator Joe Lieberman and his wife, Hadassah, of their 2000 vice presidential campaign. From the second they find out that Joe had been chosen by Al Gore as his running mate, the Liebermans' lives drastically changed—privacy vanished as political handlers took over. Now, Joe and Hadassah recount the excruciating vetting process, the exhilaration of the Democratic National Convention, the tension of the debates, and finally, the drama of Election Day and of the contentious weeks that followed. Thrilled to be running in a national campaign that they regarded as immensely important to the national purpose, and profoundly moved by the audiences that came to see and hear them, the Liebermans nevertheless admit that it was a complicated and demanding experience. The Liebermans' voices alternate throughout the book as they describe the excitement, their sense of the honor of being chosen, the extraordinary and sometimes exhausting demands, and the satisfactions and joys of the hard-fought campaign they waged as a team. Woven throughout this inspirational but cautionary tale are the Liebermans' opinions, including their take on Joe's being the first Jewish vice presidential candidate and on Hadassah's debut to a national public as a first-generation American and child of Holocaust survivors. *An Amazing Adventure* is an honest, high-spirited, revealing, and ultimately optimistic book from the candidate and his wife on the American way of running for national office.

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