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Sharsheret Names Two New Members To Medical Advisory Board

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New York, NY (March 28, 2023) - Sharsheret, the only national not-for-profit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of women and families, of all Jewish backgrounds, facing breast cancer and ovarian cancer, welcomes new Medical Advisory Board members Dr. Eli Avisar, Surgical Oncology Specialist at the University of Miami Health System in Florida, and Dr. Robert Sidlow, Chief of General Internal Medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

Dr. Eli Avisar has over 33 years of experience in the medical field, and specializes in cancer surgery with a focus on breast cancer. He is also certified in breast ultrasound. He has been a pioneer in oncoplastic techniques and lymphedema prevention and is well known worldwide for his innovative S-LYMPHA procedure.

Dr. Avisar graduated from Hadassah Medical School of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1990. He then continued on to a general surgery residency at Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem followed by Mount Sinai- Beth Israel Medical Center

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in NYC. Dr. Avisar is also fellowship trained in Surgical Oncology from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Dr. Avisar is currently a general surgeon/surgical oncologist in Miami, FL and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Jackson Health System, University of Miami Hospital, and University of Miami Hospital and Clinics.

Dr. Robert Sidlow is an experienced, board-certified internal medicine specialist and is also certified in cancer genomic risk assessment. He currently serves as the Chief of General Internal Medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and focuses on four clinical areas: perioperative consultative medicine, managing the medical complications of cancer treatment; diagnostic evaluations of patients with suspicion of cancer; and the evaluation and management of men with inherited genomic risks such as BRCA mutations. Dr. Sidlow attended Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and did his residency at the Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC.

Dr. Sidlow is committed to compassionate, patient-centered medicine which has helped him develop an approach to care that emphasizes open communication and evidence-based clinical reasoning. His passion for teaching has translated into receiving many teaching awards. He has served in a variety of leadership roles including Head of the Division of Survivorship and Supportive Care at MSK and Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Vice Chairman of Medicine at Jacobi Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Sidlow has academic interests in cancer survivorship, cancer genetic

risk, quality improvement, patient safety, clinical decision-making, and medical education.

“We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Avisar and Dr. Sidlow to our Medical Advisory Board,” said Chief Services Officer Adina Fleischmann. “They both bring a wealth of medical expertise, experience, and passion in Miami and New York City that will guide and enhance our efforts to improve quality of life for women and families facing breast cancer and ovarian cancer.”

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ABOUT SHARSHERET

Sharsheret, Hebrew for chain, a national cancer organization with five offices (California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey and New York), serves 250,000 women, families, health care professionals, community leaders, and students, in all 50 states. Sharsheret improves the lives of Jewish women and families living with or at increased genetic risk for breast or ovarian cancer through personalized support and saves lives through educational outreach.

While our expertise is in young women and Jewish families as related to breast cancer and ovarian cancer, Sharsheret programs serve all women and men.

As a premier organization for psychosocial support, Sharsheret is a member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer in Young Women, works closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and participates in psychosocial research studies and evaluations with major cancer centers, including Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. Sharsheret is accredited by the Better Business Bureau and has earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for nine consecutive years.

What We Do

One-on-One Support for women and their families touched by breast cancer and ovarian cancer (all free, confidential, and convenient) featuring

- Online 24/7 Live Chat
- Mental Health Professionals
- Genetic Counselor
- Peer Support

- Customized Beauty Kits
- Busy Boxes for Children
- Specialized Programming for Women Living with Metastatic Cancer
- Financial subsidies for non-medical services
- Education and Outreach for women, families, and community and medical professionals •
Healthcare Webinars
- College Campus Programming
- Community Educational Seminars
- Cultural Competency Trainings
- Comprehensive Resource Booklet Series
- Community Action for women and men of all ages
- B'nai Mitzvah Projects
- Team Sharsheret Races and Walks
- Young Professionals Circle
- Teal and Pink Shabbat
- Local Volunteer Opportunities

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