Sharsheret is excited and proud to kick off a partnership with the Patient Advocacy Foundation to provide patient insurance advocacy to all of our callers.

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Teaneck, New Jersey (August 24, 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, is pleased to announce that Sharsheret is now partnering with the Patient Advocate Foundation, a national non-profit organization which provides case management services and financial aid to those with chronic, life threatening and debilitating illness(click here to learn more). As a recipient of the THE Oncology Grant, Sharsheret was awarded $425,000 by Gilead Pharmaceuticals to offer patient navigation assistance to women facing cancer nationwide, including (but not limited to): insurance navigation case management—including denials of care, out-of-pocket costs, network insurance options, and assistance understanding healthcare benefits. The assistance can also help Sharsheret callers with financially motivated concerns both applying for programs to help with the cost-of-living expense and understanding social security disability insurance. Finally, the case managers can provide guidance with filing for disability insurance, explaining personal employee benefits, and individuals’ rights under related laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as the Family and Medical Leave Act. We are excited to grow this program and help more women, men, and families in our community.
Gilead Pharmaceutical’s generous grant helps support Sharsheret’s LINK program which addresses gaps in information and provides structured support services for Jewish breast cancer survivors and metastatic breast cancer patients (mBC). The LINK program provides Sharsheret callers with peer support services, education to empower patients when making treatment decisions, culturally sensitive and nuanced patient assistance, insurance navigation as well as financial wellness resources.

Sharsheret’s team includes 15 social workers and a genetic counselor who provide on-demand patient navigation, emotional and psychological support, financial subsidies and education.

“Navigating the complicated health care and financial systems while dealing with a serious illness can be difficult and overwhelming. Sharsheret’s 15 social workers and genetic counselor work with patients and families to have their insurance questions answered as they arise, get help with filling out applications, and ensure that all potential insurance options have been investigated on an individual basis, through a partnership with the Patient Advocate Foundation. Together, we will reduce this tremendous burden for so many in need.” said Adina Fleischmann, Chief Services Officer.
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ABOUT SHARSGERET
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
- Men’s Educational Resources

Education and Outreach for women, men, 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

For more information and to get involved today, visit us online at www.sharsheret.org or call us at 866-474-2774. Tag us on Instagram @sharsheretofficial
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