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Sharsheret Launches Global Training Institute For Jewish Leaders

*Sharsheret's Customized Trainings Equip Jewish Leaders To Respond To
The Breast And Ovarian Cancer Health Crisis*

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New York, NY (January 24, 2022) - Sharsheret, the only 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 the creation of its new global Training Institute for Jewish leaders who advise women and families. Through the training sessions, customized to suit the specific perspectives and priorities of Sharsheret's partner organizations, these leaders will become experts in offering specialized support and guidance to women personally affected by or at elevated risk for breast cancer or ovarian cancer. With one in eight women diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime, Sharsheret has an important opportunity to ensure that

The Jewish Breast & Ovarian Cancer Community

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women facing breast or ovarian cancer feel less isolated and are expertly supported.

The first such training is being offered in partnership with Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center (MGC). Nishmat's MGC certifies Yoatzot Halacha in the United States and other countries outside of Israel, provides continuing education for Yoatzot Halacha, and supports communities as they hire and employ Yoatzot Halacha. The training addresses topics such as:

- The intersection between being Jewish and a cancer diagnosis
- How cultural, emotional, religious and *halachic* (Jewish legal) nuances impact cancer diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship
- Spiritual concerns and cancer
- Cultivating a caring community to support those affected by cancer, their families and their communities-at-large

“We are so proud to offer this first-of-its-kind training for Jewish leaders,” said

Sharsheret’s Director of Training and Education, Melissa Rosen. “We are confident that expanding the opportunities for providing uniquely Jewish support for those facing cancer will have a positive effect on women, families and communities.”

Sharsheret's first cohort began their training in January 2022. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive certificates of expertise as Sharsheret-Nishmat Halachic Advisors, indicating their proficiency in advising and meeting the needs of those facing breast cancer or ovarian cancer.

"Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center is so grateful to partner with Sharsheret on this groundbreaking course. During our students' two years of study to become *Yoatzot Halacha* (Jewish legal advisors), Sharsheret teaches them basics about breast cancer, ovarian cancer and cancer genetics, but these topics really deserve far more thorough, immersive training," said Atara Eis, Yoetzet Halacha, Director of Miriam Glaubach Center's U.S. Yoatzot Halacha Fellows Program of Nishmat. "Together, we are providing our *Yoatzot Halacha* with comprehensive, state-of-the-art halachic, medical, emotional and pastoral education."

Sharsheret is grateful to Micah Philanthropies - Ann and Jeremy Pava, Trustees - for having provided seed funding to allow for participation at no cost in this training course. Upon completion, students are each expected to develop and facilitate at least one

community education program during 2022.

Sharsheret is eager to partner with more organizations to offer specialized trainings.

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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

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