



SHARSHERET

Your Jewish Community Facing Breast Cancer

2018 IMPACT REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM

OUR PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

We all know someone whose life has been touched by breast cancer or ovarian cancer - our moms, our sisters, our daughters, our aunts, our cousins, our colleagues, our neighbors, even ourselves. In keeping with the Jewish value of caring for others, we strive to help those in need. And, when it comes to breast cancer and ovarian cancer, Sharsheret leads the way, embodying this ideal. In our 2018 impact report, you will meet **Debbie, Idy, Ilene, Jamie, Reva and Sam** whose lives have been forever changed because of Sharsheret's programs and services.

It is their personal experiences and stories that reinforce why you call Sharsheret to address your own concerns,

why you refer a friend to Sharsheret's clinical team when breast cancer or ovarian cancer strikes, why you volunteer to develop cancer and genetics education programs in your community and on campus, and why you continue to make a gift year after year.

Thank you for enabling Sharsheret to do what we do best, enhancing lives and saving lives, today, tomorrow, and into the future.

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76,661 Women, families, and community members served.



561

sessions with women living with stage IV cancer

9,436

women enrolled in the peer support network

562

genetics conversations facilitated



134,081

educational resources requested

1,215

participants in online medical webinars and trainings

35,207

students reached on campus



44,970

men and women educated about their risk

340

Team Sharsheret athletes

18,656

Sharsheret Teal/Pink Shabbat® program participants

SUPPORT CH



One-on-one Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support

“A cancer diagnosis turns your life upside down. Navigating treatment options and making decisions felt impossible, but speaking with **Sharsheret’s social worker changed everything**. She gave me the key resources and questions to ask my doctor. This support strengthened me and **I felt confident moving forward** with my healthcare team.”

REVA GORIN



Genetics Conversations & Resources

“With my extensive family cancer history, it wasn’t a question of ‘if’ I would get a diagnosis, it was a question of ‘when.’ **Sharsheret helped me** to overcome my fears. I finally felt **empowered** to take the next steps in **safeguarding my health**.”

DEBBIE BOGGS



ILENE FOGELMAN
The LINK Program® Participant

Ilene Fogelman was diagnosed with metastatic (stage IV) breast cancer in 2016 at age 49, and is married with an 8-year-old daughter.

“Speaking with counselors and joining Sharsheret’s private Facebook support group **greatly improved my life**. I am able to laugh, cry and receive virtual tissues when I need them. I now focus on making memories and helping my family through this stage of my journey. **I don’t think I’d be in a good place if not for Sharsheret.**”

ANGES LIVES



Community Awareness & Outreach

“The **Pink Shabbat** I helped coordinate had a **huge impact on my community**. Congregants have shared that they will now get a mammogram that had been procrastinated, will see the doctor, will talk about cancer risks with their families. Sharsheret’s outreach events **create ripples that spread infinitely**, and can **save women’s lives**.”

—
IDY LANIER



Campus & Healthcare Education

“After my mother’s breast cancer diagnosis four years ago, I knew I wanted to **volunteer with Sharsheret**. As co-president of the Sharsheret Student Board of Downtown Manhattan, I hope to **increase awareness in the Jewish community**-both about the disease and about **Sharsheret’s life-saving resources**.”

—
SAM LEVINSON



JAMIE VENTO

Peer Support Network Participant

Jamie Vento is a BRCA2 mutation carrier and chose a prophylactic double mastectomy. Post-surgery testing showed she already had breast cancer and would need to pursue treatment.

“**Sharsheret counselors and resources guided me** when I initially chose preventative surgery. Two excellent peer supporters gave me tips, encouragement and an outlet for anything I needed. After my diagnosis, I immediately turned back to Sharsheret. Sometimes my mind went to the darkest places, but **Sharsheret helped to raise my spirits and hope** while caring about me and my family.”

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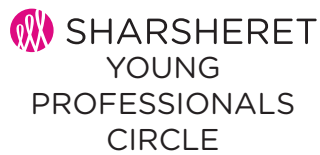
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So many ways to get involved! Join us and raise awareness about breast and ovarian cancer.



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