



SHARSHERET

Sharsheret Welcomes Dr. Diana Bryk Straus to its National Medical Advisory Board

*New Appointment Strengthens Expertise in Precision Medicine and
Molecular Diagnostics*

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New York, NY (November 24, 2025) – Sharsheret, the only Jewish not-for-profit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of women and families of all Jewish backgrounds living with or at an increased genetic risk for breast cancer and ovarian cancer in the US and in Israel, is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Diana Bryk Straus to its esteemed National Medical Advisory Board.

Dr. Bryk Straus serves as an Attending Molecular Pathologist at Westchester Medical Center and Assistant Professor of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology at New York Medical College. She brings extensive expertise in molecular diagnostics, precision medicine, and cancer-related genomic testing—areas that are increasingly essential to Sharsheret’s work supporting individuals at elevated genetic risk for breast and ovarian cancer.

A graduate of Columbia University, Dr. Bryk Straus earned her Bachelor of Arts and medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She completed her residency in Clinical Pathology at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia, followed by advanced fellowship training in Molecular Genetic Pathology within the Division of Personalized Genomic Medicine at Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

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Dr. Bryk Straus' clinical focus centers on integrating molecular diagnostics into personalized cancer care. She specializes in the interpretation of next-generation sequencing data, development and validation of diagnostic assays, and translating molecular insights into actionable treatment strategies through collaboration with multidisciplinary clinical teams. Her research has been published in multiple peer-reviewed journals and presented at national medical conferences.

In addition to her clinical expertise, Dr. Bryk Straus is a committed educator and mentor. As Director of the Genetics Theme and Director of the Hematology and Neoplasia course at New York Medical College, she leads the design and implementation of the medical genetics and oncology curricula. She is widely recognized for her ability to communicate complex genomic concepts to both clinical and academic audiences.

"We are honored to welcome Dr. Bryk Straus to Sharsheret's National Medical Advisory Board," said Sharsheret CEO Elana Silber. "Her expertise in molecular pathology and precision oncology will help advance our mission and enhance the resources we provide to women, men and families navigating hereditary cancer risk."

"Dr. Bryk will lend her specialized insights to Sharsheret's educational initiatives, clinical resource development, and national programming, ensuring we continue to provide the most current, evidence-based information about genetic risk assessment and cancer care," said Sharsheret Chief Services Officer Adina Fleischmann.

For more information about Sharsheret or its Medical Advisory Board, please visit sharsheret.org.

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ABOUT SHARSHERET

Sharsheret, Hebrew for chain, an international cancer organization with offices in the Midwest, Southeast, Northeast, West and Israel serves 275,000 women, families, healthcare 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 ten 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

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