

## **SHARSHERET UPDATE: JUNE 13, 2003**

### **SHARSHERET HOSTS SECOND SYMPOSIUM AT MSKCC**

Sharsheret welcomed patients, family members, and healthcare professionals to its second Symposium, **“How Do We Care For Our Children? Issues for Women and Men Facing Breast Cancer,”** at **Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center** in New York City on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The panel of experts included **Rosalind Kleban** (Department of Social Work, **Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center**), **Peggy Anne Murphy** (Clinical Coordinator of the Children’s Program, **Cancer Care**), **Ingrid Whitaker** (Program Manager of Noogieland and Initiatives, **Gilda’s Club NYC**), and **Shera Dubitsky** (a psychologist and Sharsheret volunteer). The panelists presented an overview of the needs of children affected by a parent’s breast cancer diagnosis, and highlighted methods of addressing those changing needs. The Symposium was sponsored by the **American Cancer Society**, the **North Jersey Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**, **Gilda’s Club**, and **CancerCare**.

A transcript of the event will be available online shortly at [www.sharsheret.org](http://www.sharsheret.org). If you would like to receive the materials distributed at the Symposium, please call Elana Silber, Program Coordinator, at (866) 474-2774 or e-mail [info@sharsheret.org](mailto:info@sharsheret.org).

### **TEAM SHARSHERET TO JOIN RACE FOR THE CURE**

Sharsheret will join thousands of women and men gathering in New York’s Central Park to participate in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation’s **Race For The Cure**, a monumental breast cancer fundraising and awareness event to be held on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Sharsheret volunteers, friends, and family members will come together to form **“Team Sharsheret”** for the 5K Race. To join Team Sharsheret, please call Sharsheret at (866) 474-2774 or register online at [www.komennyc.org](http://www.komennyc.org) - click on “Race for the Cure,” “Register,” “Join an Existing Team,” and type “Sharsheret.”

### **SHARSHERET WELCOMES SUMMER INTERN**

Sharsheret is pleased to welcome **Elysia Rothenberg**, a junior at Stern College for Women, as an intern for the summer of 2003. Ms. Rothenberg will assist the staff in coordinating Sharsheret’s programs and upcoming events.

### **SHARSHERET IN THE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY**

Executive Director Rochelle Shoretz delivered the closing address at a symposium presented by the **Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders** entitled **“New Realities**

in **Women's Health: Choices and Challenges for Young Jewish Women,**" held in Chicago on Sunday, June 1st.

Sharsheret brochures were distributed at the following health care events:

- The **Annual Public Health Symposium** at **Rutgers University** (New Jersey, April 7<sup>th</sup>).
- The **Annual Symposium on the Latest News About Breast Cancer** at the **Weill Medical College of Cornell University** (New York, May 15<sup>th</sup>).

### **SHARSHERET IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**

Sharsheret volunteer Missy Stein coordinated the "**Young Jewish Women's Health Forum,**" featuring experts addressing health issues of concern to young Jewish women of Ashkenazi descent. The event was held in Marlboro, New Jersey on May 22nd.

Executive Director Rochelle Shoretz introduced Sharsheret as the keynote speaker at a dinner benefiting the Libby Kolb Chapter of **Emunah**. The event, "**Celebrating Women Who Make a Difference In Our Community,**" was held in Teaneck, New Jersey on May 13th.

Sharsheret brochures were distributed at the following events:

- **The Women's Health Symposium** at the **92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y** (New York, April 13<sup>th</sup>).
- **The Union for Traditional Judaism's Annual Conference** entitled "**Science, Sexuality, and Spirit**" (New Jersey, May 18<sup>th</sup>).
- The Annual Conference of **The Association of Jewish and Children's Agencies** (California, May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>).
- **The Task Force on Families and Children at Risk's Annual Rebbitzens' Conference** (New York, May 21<sup>st</sup>).
- The Annual Convention of the **Rabbinical Council of America** (New York, May 27<sup>th</sup>-May 29<sup>th</sup>).
- **The Jewish Family Service in Los Angeles'** program entitled "**When a Parent Has Cancer,**" for Jewish families with children ages 5 to 17 (California, June 8<sup>th</sup>).

Sharsheret brochures will be distributed at the **Nishmat Summer Conference** to be held in Jerusalem, Israel July 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. The conference, entitled "**Where Women's Health and Halacha Meet: An in-Depth Study of the Intersection of Modern Medicine and Traditional Sources,**" will feature seminars for physicians and health professionals. For more information, please call Nishmat at (212) 983-6975.

### **OUTREACH EVENTS**

Parlor meetings are wonderful opportunities for Sharsheret to reach women in diverse communities and to raise funds to support our outreach efforts. Our last two events in **Woodmere** (spearheaded by volunteer Reva Borgen) and on **Manhattan's Upper East Side** (spearheaded by Medical Advisory Board Member Dr. Karin Katz) were attended by over 150 women. Our next outreach meeting will be held at a private home in **Lakewood, New Jersey** on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending or hosting a meeting, please call Sharsheret at (866) 474-2774.