



SHARSHERET UPDATE: OCTOBER 13, 2003

SHARSHERET ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sharsheret is pleased to welcome our newly elected Board of Directors. Members of the Board will be zealous advocates on behalf of Sharsheret, enthusiastic communicators of our mission and vision, and integral participants in our leadership development, program expansion, and fundraising activities.

Board of Directors

Patricia Cayne, PhD	Gail Propp
Jeremy Fand (Treasurer)	Rochelle Shoretz
Dr. Karin Katz	Naomi Spira
Keith Mendelson	Amy Mines Tadelis (President)
Lauren Korngold Merkin	Lauryn Weiser (Secretary)
Jonathan Mirsky	

Sharsheret is also grateful for the support of the members of our advisory boards.

Honorary Advisory Board

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Honorable Myriam J. Altman

Medical Advisory Board

Sheldon Feldman, M.D.
Breast Surgeon, Beth Israel Medical Center

Karin Katz, M.D.
Radiologist, New York-Presbyterian Hospital

Thomas Kolb, M.D.
Radiologist, Private Practice

Gila Leiter, M.D.
OB-GYN, Mount Sinai Hospital

Kenneth Offit, M.D.
Clinical Genetics, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Ruth Oratz, M.D.
Oncologist, Rocky Mountain Cancer Center, Rose Medical Center

Elsa Reich, M.S.
Genetics Counselor, New York University School of Medicine

Allison Rosen, PhD
Fertility Support, New York City Chapter of Resolve

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, AMY MINES TADELIS

“I am delighted and honored to serve as President of Sharsheret’s Board of Directors. I first phoned Sharsheret after completing my own chemotherapy at age 28 and have been involved with the organization ever since. I am passionate about our mission to support young Jewish women facing breast cancer, and look forward to growing with the organization in the years ahead. Please feel free to call me with your comments and suggestions. I can be reached through the Sharsheret office at (866) 474-2774, or by e-mail at amines@sharsheret.org.”

SHARSHERET VENTURES WEST

Young women have already joined Sharsheret’s network from 19 states across the country. Sharsheret is now pleased to announce the first of a series of events introducing Sharsheret nationwide. Executive Director Rochelle Shoretz will be featured at events to be held in **Los Angeles, California** and **Denver, Colorado** in upcoming months. On November 12th, Sharsheret will host an outreach event at a private home in Los Angeles. On January 14th, Sharsheret will co-sponsor a symposium on genetics and breast cancer at the Rose Medical Center in Denver. For more information about these events, or to bring Sharsheret to your community, please call toll-free (866) 474-2774.

CELEBRATE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Sharsheret will celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month with an evening of art at the **Creative Center: Arts for People with Cancer** in New York City on Monday, October 27th. Young survivors will come together for an evening of jewelry-making using beads from around the globe. The workshop is free of charge. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, please call Elana Silber, Program Coordinator, at (866) 474-2774.

TEAM SHARSHERET JOINS RACE FOR THE CURE

More than 125 men, women, and children joined Team Sharsheret to participate in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation’s **Race For The Cure**. The monumental breast cancer fundraising and awareness event was held on Sunday, September 14th, in New York’s Central Park. Team Sharsheret raised over \$5,000 for the Komen Foundation.

Sharsheret volunteers across the country have begun to race in support of Sharsheret. **Nira Berry and Nancy Ginsberg of Maryland** organized Team Sharsheret for the National Race for the Cure in Washington, D.C. this May. **Larry Labow of Illinois** will run the Chicago Marathon in support of Sharsheret on October 12th. If you are interested in organizing Team Sharsheret for a local race or event, please call Elana Silber, Program Coordinator, at (866) 474-2774.

SHARSHERET FOUNDER NAMED WOMAN TO WATCH IN 2003

Executive Director Rochelle Shoretz was recently named a **Woman to Watch in 2003** by *Jewish Woman Magazine* for her efforts in addressing the unique needs of young Jewish women facing breast cancer. Shoretz will join 10 women from across the United States and Israel who will be honored on December 8th at the Sixth Annual Women to Watch Gala Luncheon and Symposium in Washington, D.C.

SHARSHERET IN THE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY

Sharsheret is pleased to be a Program Collaborator in the presentation of **“Fertility and the Safety of Pregnancy After Breast Cancer,”** a free teleconference sponsored by Living Beyond Breast Cancer on Wednesday, October 22nd, 7:00 – 8:30 pm EDT. The teleconference will feature Dr. Hope Rugo and Dr. Lynn Westphal, who will address the cause of ovarian failure, the risk of menopause after chemotherapy, technology and treatments available to preserve your fertility, and new research and resources. For more information, or to register for the teleconference, please call (610) 645-4567.

Executive Director Rochelle Shoretz will speak at the **Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program 2003 Celebration of Survivorship** on Tuesday, October 21st, 7:00 pm. The event will feature Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy and a panel of breast cancer survivors. For more information, please call (516) 877-4325.

SHARSHERET IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Sharsheret will co-present **“Jewish Women and Breast Cancer: Breaking the Silence,”** at the JCC in Rockville, Maryland on Sunday, November 2nd. The conference will provide an update on advances in breast cancer research, diagnosis, and treatment, genetic testing in Jewish women, fertility after breast cancer treatment, and Jewish healing and spirituality. Advance registration is required. For more information, please call (301) 881-0100 x 6797.

Executive Director Rochelle Shoretz will speak about breast cancer in the Jewish community at a breakfast to be held at **Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Bridgeport, CT** on Sunday, January 24th.

OF INTEREST TO YOUNG WOMEN

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center’s Post-Treatment Resource Program presents **“Celebrating Survivorship: A Day Long Conference for Young Adults with A History of Cancer,”** October 18th. For more information, please call (212) 717-3527.

If you or someone you know received treatment with the cancer drug **Taxol** at any time from January 1, 1999 through February 23, 2003, you may be eligible to take part in a class action settlement. For more information about the settlement, please visit the following website: www.taxolsettlement.com.

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 next event will be held in a private home in **Riverdale, New York** on Wednesday, October 29th. Parlor meetings will also be held in **Los Angeles, California** on Wednesday, November 12th, and **Denver, Colorado** on January 13th. If you are interested in attending or hosting a meeting, please call Sharsheret at (866) 474-2774.

SHARSHERET IN THE NEWS

Sharsheret is currently featured on the website, www.cancersite.com. Articles about Sharsheret were recently published in **Jewish Woman Magazine** (Fall 2003), **Jewish State** (NJ - October 2003), **Intermountain Jewish News** (August 2003). Executive Director Rochelle Shoretz was recently named in **Self Magazine** as a **Yoplait Champion in the Fight Against Breast Cancer** (October 2003). Articles about Sharsheret will soon appear in **Radiology Today** and **Moment Magazine**. Since the organizations founding in November 2001, Sharsheret has been featured in over 35 publications nationwide, including the **Jerusalem Post** and the **Wall Street Journal**.