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SHARSHERET AWARDED INNOVATION IN BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AWARD

Sharsheret was recently named a 2005 recipient of the **New York State Innovation in Breast Cancer Early Detection and Research Award**. The annual award was presented by the New York State Breast Cancer Detection and Education Advisory Council to the President of Sharsheret's Board of Directors, Amy Mines Tadelis. Nearly 100 guests attended the award reception in Albany, New York. "The women of New York are very fortunate to have organizations like yours who are so dedicated to reducing the burden of breast cancer in our state," wrote Bradley Hutton, Director of the State's Cancer Services Program. "On behalf of the New York State Department of Health, I thank you for your leadership and dedication in the fight against breast cancer."

VISIT SHARSHERET'S NEW ONLINE FORUM

Sharsheret invites you to visit the new **Sharsheret Forum** at www.sharsheret.org. The online, moderated Forum allows women facing breast cancer to post and respond to questions and concerns, and is designed to accommodate the needs of women who seek privacy in connecting with others who share their diagnosis and lifestyle. Family members and caregivers also benefit from participating in the Forum by sharing strategies with other caregivers who are facing similar challenges and concerns. Forum topics include facing breast cancer as a Jewish woman, dating and relationships through cancer,

living with advanced breast cancer, and breast cancer genetics. The Sharsheret Forum was made possible with support from the **Kaminer Family Foundation**.

SHARSHERET PRESENTS TELECONFERENCE ADDRESSING DIVERSITY

Sharsheret co-presented a free national teleconference with the Young Survival Coalition, an international, non-profit network of young breast cancer survivors. **“How Does Breast Cancer Affect Young Women of Diverse Backgrounds?”** educated participants about the issues and concerns of often underserved populations facing breast cancer, the cultural disparities in breast cancer treatment, and strategies for health care professionals and patients who wish to address these disparities. The teleconference highlighted the unique concerns of Jewish, African American, Asian American, and Latina women facing breast cancer. A written transcript of the teleconference will soon be available in the Events and Transcripts section of our website, www.sharsheret.org.

SAVE THE DATE: SHARSHERET’S ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Join us on **Sunday, May 7, 2006** as we “Honor the Women Who Have Touched Our Lives” at Sharsheret’s **Annual Benefit Luncheon** (Sheraton Meadowlands – East Rutherford, New Jersey). Share this special day with friends and loved ones as we recognize the meaningful contributions of **Reva Borgen**, Guest of Honor, and **Sharon Herenstein**, recipient of the Lisa Altman Volunteer Tribute Award.

Sharsheret welcomed more than forty volunteers on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 for **Pink Drinks**, a festive kick-off event for the Annual Luncheon. To join this year’s Benefit Committee and to learn more about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, please call toll-free (866) 474-2774.

OF INTEREST TO YOUNG WOMEN

Young Survival Coalition and Living Beyond Breast Cancer will host the **Annual Conference for Young Women Affected by Breast Cancer** on February 24-26, 2006 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver, Colorado. Sharsheret representatives will be available at the conference to distribute materials in the Exhibit Hall. For more information, please visit www.youngsurvivorsconference.org.

SHARSHERET IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Program Coordinator Ellen Kleinhaus will introduce Sharsheret at the Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer **B’nai Brith Hillel Forum on Public Policy**, Monday, February 27, 2006 in Washington DC. For more information, please call (866) 474-2774.

Sharsheret materials will be distributed at:

- The Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders **Physicians and Surgeons Conference**, Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at the Rush North Shore Medical

Center in Skokie, Illinois. For more information, please visit www.jewishgeneticscenter.org.

- Young Israel of Hollywood **Women's Health Seminars**, March 2006 in Hollywood, Florida. For more information, please call (954) 966-7877.
- The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State lecture, **"DNA and Genealogy: Creating a Family Health Portrait,"** Sunday, March 26, 2006 at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle, Washington. For more information, please contact dna@jgsws.org.

SHARSHERET IN THE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY

Sharsheret materials will be distributed at the 23rd **Miami Breast Cancer Conference**, February 22-26, 2006 at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel in Miami, Florida. For more information, please visit www.cancerconf.com.

Sharsheret materials were distributed at:

- The Greater Baltimore Medical Center seminar, **"Breast Health Colloquium for Women in the Jewish Community,"** February 2006 in Baltimore, Maryland.
- The Annual Conference of the National Association of Jewish Chaplains, **"Jewish Spiritual Care, Healing, and Chaplaincy,"** January 2006 in Rye, New York.
- The Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders seminar, **"Sharing More than Grandma's Recipes: Jewish Genetic Disorders and Hereditary Diseases,"** January 2006 in Chicago, Illinois.

OUTREACH EVENTS

Parlor meetings are meaningful opportunities for Sharsheret to reach women in diverse communities and to raise funds to support our outreach efforts. Our next events will be held in private homes in **Chicago, Illinois** (March 22, 2006), **Cleveland, Ohio** (March 29, 2006), and **Memphis, Tennessee** (May 17, 2006). If you are interested in attending or hosting a meeting in your state, please call toll-free (866) 474-2774 or e-mail info@sharsheret.org.

SHARSEHRET WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Sharsheret recently welcomed two new members to its **Board of Directors**. Volunteers Sherry Cohen (New York) and Ari Schochet (New Jersey) have contributed to the organization since its founding four years ago, sharing their time and their talents in coordinating events and strategizing the growth of Sharsheret's programs and services.

SEMA HELLER NETIVOT-SHALOM SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Sharsheret is now accepting applications from high school juniors or seniors, college students, and social work students interested in the **Sema Heller-Netivot Shalom Internship** for the summer of 2006. The summer intern will contribute to Sharsheret's core programs supporting young Jewish women facing breast cancer. Responsibilities

will include research, data entry, outreach, and project coordination. Resumes with cover letters should be sent via e-mail to resumes@sharsheret.org and should include a schedule of availability for interviews.

SUPPORT SHARSHERET

Support Sharsheret's efforts on behalf of Jewish women facing breast cancer this month.

Sharsheret **Purim Cards** are a wonderful way to send best wishes to loved ones in lieu of Mishloach Manot. Purchase Purim Cards in packages of 12 for a contribution of \$36.00, with an additional charge for shipping and handling unless they are picked up at our Teaneck offices. To order Sharsheret Purim Cards, please call toll-free (866) 474-2774 or e-mail info@sharsheret.org. Orders must be received by March 1, 2006.

Lagoon Linens of Cedarhurst, New York will donate to Sharsheret a portion of the proceeds from their Charity Trunk Show on March 1, 2006. For more information, please call (516) 569-9500.

Sharsheret Updates are distributed bi-monthly and archived in the Newsletters section of our website, www.sharsheret.org.