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## October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Sharsheret provides help for Jewish women

During the month of October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month expect to be inundated with advertising and publicity surrounding breast cancer awareness and proper breast care.

But Jewish women and families in need of a reliable resource for support and information need look no further than Sharsheret -- the only national organization addressing the concerns of young women of all Jewish backgrounds fighting breast cancer, a disease that has significantly impacted the Jewish community.

Founded in 2001, Sharsheret's national peer support network, the Link Program, pairs young Jewish women, newly diagnosed or at increased risk of developing breast cancer, with volunteers who can share their personal and medical experiences.

Women from across the country have called Sharsheret to discuss the issues unique to Jewish women living with or facing breast cancer. Those concerns include:

- Increased genetic risk of developing breast cancer for Jewish women of Ashkenazi descent, and issues surrounding BRCA1 and BRCA2 testing;
- Life with cancer in a close-knit community;
- Fertility and childrearing, affected by treatment decisions;
- Role of religion and spirituality in daily life with cancer.

For breast cancer support, resources, and information, visit [www.sharsheret.org](http://www.sharsheret.org) or call (866) 474-2774.

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