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Jewish Genetic Diseases Are Focus of Symposium

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AT ENGLEWOOD HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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The symposium will offer on-site genetic carrier testing (visit <http://jewishgeneticdiseases.org/indexsc.htm?tgt=content/jgds-events.htm> to sign up for testing) and a comprehensive program of presentations by widely respected physicians and geneticists, including:

- "Reproductive Carrier Screening in the Ashkenazi Jewish Community," presented by Randi E. Zinberg, MS, CGC, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and Faith Frieden, MD, Chief of OB/Gyn at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center.
- "Family Odysseys Through Genetic Diseases: Personal Family Experiences With Tay-Sachs and ML4" – Stanley Michelman, Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium, and Randy Yudenfriend Glaser, CSW, Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium.
- "Pre-Implantation Genetic Diagnosis: The New Frontier of Genetics" – Rabbi David Fuld, Shaare Zedek Medical Center in

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Sunday 21-Sep

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- "The Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) and Its Impact on Health Choices, Employment and Insurance Practices" – Judith L. Palkovitz, MA, Hadassah.
- "An Overview of Hereditary Breast Cancer and the High-Risk Breast Cancer Program at The Leslie Simon Breast Care and Cytodiagnosis Center" – Rosalyn Stahl, MD, Director, High Risk Breast Cancer Program at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center; Pat Mazzola, FNP, CNM, Nurse Practitioner at Englewood Hospital; and Rob Finch, MS, CGC, Myriad Genetic Laboratories.
- "Breast Cancer and the Jewish Family: Support and Resources" – Shera Dubitsky, MEd, MA, sharsheret.

Seating is limited for this free symposium. To register, call 201-894-3456. Complimentary Kosher dairy lunch and parking will be provided to Symposium attendees. For more information, contact Rachel Dube at 201-894-3911 or Rachel.Dube@ehmc.com.

Symposium sponsors include the Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium; Shaare Zedek Medical Center; Hadassah; sharsheret; Myriad Genetic Laboratories; The National Council of Jewish Women; The JCC on the Palisades; Genzyme Genetics; The Village Copier; and Menagerie.

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