

Symposium at Englewood Hospital on Jewish Genetic Diseases and Their Impact on Families

On Sunday, Sept 21, from 10am-2pm, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center will present a valuable opportunity to learn about genetic conditions that are common in the Ashkenazic-Jewish community. This Symposium on Jewish Genetic Diseases will also offer optional, onsite reproductive genetic carrier testing.

The topics covered at this event resonate strongly among the Ashkenazi-Jewish population. One in five Jews of Eastern-European ancestry is a carrier of one or more genetic conditions—and may not be aware of it. The most common Jewish genetic diseases for which Ashkenazi Jews are at risk include Tay-Sachs, Cystic Fibrosis, and the BRCA mutation for breast, ovarian, prostate, and pancreatic cancers.

"The information that will be presented during this symposium will be most helpful

to couples who want to learn more about the full spectrum of testing options currently available to them," said Faith Frieden, MD, Chief of the Obstetrics/Gynecology Department at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center. "Many families are lulled into a false sense of security if they have already had a healthy child, but, in fact, these couples are still candidates for carrier screening, given the inheritance patterns of these genetic diseases. Accurate information is essential for making informed decisions."

Presentations

In addition to offering on-site reproductive genetic carrier testing, the symposium will feature 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 Jerusalem.

Breast Cancer

- "The Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) and Its Impact on Health Choices, Employment and Insurance Practices"—Judith L. Palkovitz, MA, Hadasah.

- "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.

Important Opportunity

"I urge members of the Ashkenazi Jewish community not to pass up this opportunity to learn about genetics and the impact on family planning and long-term health," said Rachel Dube, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center's Jewish Community Liaison.

The Englewood Hospital and Medical Center event is being sponsored by a number of respected organizations, including the Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium; Shaare Zedek Medical Center; Hadasah; Sharsheret; Myriad Genetic Laboratories; The National Council of Jewish Women; The JCC on the Palisades; Genzyme Genetics; The Village Copiers and Menagerie Caterers.

Seating is limited for this free symposium. Complimentary kosher dairy lunch and parking will be provided to symposium attendees.

To register for the symposium, call 201-894-3456. For more information or to register for reproductive genetic carrier testing, contact Rachel Dube at 201-894-3911 or Rachel.Dube@ehmc.com. ☆

ב"ה

ברוכים הבאים
ELI AUTO SERVICE CENTER, INC.
 EXPERT DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AUTO REPAIRS

לשנה טובה
תכתבו ותחתמו

Yoram, his family and his entire staff wish you and your loved ones a healthy and joyous 5769

אם אשכחך
ירושלים
תשכח ימיני
כל ישראל ערבים זה לזה

Sunday through Thursday: 7:00 AM to 6:00PM
 Friday: 7:00 AM to 1 hour before Candle Lighting
 Shabbat: Closed

618 Cedar Lane / Teaneck, NJ 07666
 (across from the Firehouse)
 Phone: (201) 836-0455 Fax: (201) 836-8967

Graphic Design **BEGINNERS' LESSONS** **101**

LEARN how to use popular applications
 adobe illustrator & photoshop

DESIGN flyers & ads with impact

ENHANCE your natural talent & explore this creative career

RIVKIE LICHSTEIN
Artist & Graphic Designer
(973) 779-2702
HS STUDENTS WELCOME