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Tay-Sachs is a horrible malady which occurs mostly in Jewish families of European origin. This is a genetic disease of children which was originally identified at the turn of the century by Dr. Sachs of Mt. Sinai in New York and Dr. Tay in London. It causes severe mental and motor retardation of infants by four to eight months of life. The babies eventually become blind and develop seizures which cannot be controlled. With increasing age their muscle weakness leads to paralysis and they regress to a vegetative state. Tay-Sachs babies usually die by three to eight years of age.

Therefore, every Jewish community should consider it a sacred duty to participate in the great humanitarian effort of Chevra Dor Yeshorim in conjunction with Mt. Sinai Medical Center. They have developed a program to overcome the fear and ignorance associated with Tay-Sachs disease and to eliminate it and the terrible tragedy it causes among Jewish families.

Therefore, we recommend the program of Chevra Dor Yeshorim which has been developed with the encouragement of Gedolei Hatorah and it should be brought to the attention of all Jewish parents as well as all their children of marriageable age.

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