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DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

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Chevra Dor Yeshorim
33 Spencer St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11205

Dear Sirs:

We enthusiastically endorse the efforts of the Chevra Dor Yeshorim to screen young men and women from the Jewish community for Tay-Sachs Disease. The high rate of positive results that has been found in a relatively short period of time further emphasizes the importance of their work.

While Tay-Sachs is indeed a disorder with tragic consequences, there are other Jewish genetic diseases which are not as immediately devastating, but can contribute to reproductive dysfunction and infertility. At The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center Division of Pediatric Endocrinology we have been studying a disorder called nonclassical 21-hydroxylase deficiency which is found in as many as 1 in 30 Jews of Ashkenazi descent. We believe that early screening, detection, and therapy of this hormonal condition can be of vast benefit to the community. The disease is never fatal and simple medical treatment will completely avert the undesirable late consequences of hormonal imbalance.

Sincerely,

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