



The Mount Sinai Medical Center

One Gustave L. Levy Place
New York, NY 10029-6574

The Mount Sinai Hospital
Mount Sinai School of Medicine

June 27, 1995

Dear Rabbi Ekstein:

Continuing its pioneering work in genetic testing and counseling services in a devastating Jewish genetic disease, Tay Sachs, Dor Yeshorim is embarking on a new program. Based on its vast experience and success in Tay Sachs studies, Dor Yeshorim is beginning to offer testing to seek out carriers of two more serious and frequently fatal diseases found most frequently in Ashkenazi Jewish families, Canavan disease and Fanconi anemia.

Although not as frequent nor as well known as Tay Sachs, both diseases are carried as recessives. Canavan disease involves the central nervous system and most children, after severe neurological disabilities, die early in life. Fanconi anemia leads to progressive bone marrow failure, limb abnormalities and frequently to leukemia.

Dor Yeshorim should be commended and supported in its continued laudatory efforts to seek out and prevent recessive Jewish diseases.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald Gribetz".

Donald Gribetz, M.D.
Professor of Pediatrics
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

DG:jb

