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**BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER'S DEPARTMENT OF PAIN MEDICINE  
AND PALLIATIVE CARE IS HONORED WITH AN ENDOWMENT**

*\$2.5 Million Grant Establishes the Gerald J. & Dorothy R. Friedman Chair in Pain  
Medicine and Palliative Care*

**New York, NY - April 17, 2006** – Beth Israel Medical Center's Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care has received a gift of \$2.5 million from the Gerald J. & Dorothy R. Friedman New York Foundation for Medical Research. Jane Friedman, President of the Foundation, presented Dr. Russell Portenoy, Chairman of Beth Israel's Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care with a gift of \$500,000 as the first payment to establish the Gerald J. & Dorothy R. Friedman Chair in Pain Medicine and Palliative Care.

“It is a profound statement of support by the Gerald J. & Dorothy R. Friedman New York Foundation for Medical Research for our ongoing work in pain management and palliative care”, said Dr. Portenoy. “For those of us mission-driven in these still marginalized disciplines, this public statement has positive effects that extend way beyond us. It truly helps to legitimize these new specialties in medicine, with benefits that will accrue to others throughout the country.”

Dr. Gerald Friedman, who died in 2004 at the age of 91, was affiliated with Beth Israel for more than 40 years, serving as chief of diabetes and metabolism, chief of the medical intensive care unit, and two terms as president of the medical board, among other positions. Through their foundation, Dr. and Mrs. Friedman were very generous supporters of a number of important programs at Beth Israel and a number of other leading institutions.

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In a letter, Dr. Portenoy wrote the following to Ms. Friedman:

“Even further, the Chair speaks to the value of our own, and my own, contribution here at Beth Israel Medical Center. Beth Israel has been a special place for me and has allowed my team to build something that is now internationally recognized as a center of excellence. I share the honor of the Chair with everyone on my team, and everyone at the institution who has supported the work we do.”

Jane Friedman, niece of Dr. and Mrs. Friedman, selected Dr. Portenoy and the Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care as the recipient of this chair. The endowment will provide a source of dependable income to the department in perpetuity. Dr. Portenoy is internationally renowned as a leader in both the fields of pain medicine and palliative care. He founded the department at Beth Israel in 1997 as the first of its kind dedicated to furthering these two disciplines through education, research and the highest quality patient care. The endowment is a great honor for Dr. Portenoy and the Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care at Beth Israel Medical Center.

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