

ACCESS TO YOUR
Community

PERSONALIZED CARE

To ensure that your care is carefully coordinated and your personal needs are addressed, Beth Israel has in place two Patient Navigators. The Patient Navigator's key functions are to serve as a single contact throughout your hospital stay; to act as a liaison for you with physicians and other medical staff; and to provide you with information about resources and support services available to you and your loved ones.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Joseph Deutsch at **(917) 509-4441**, Dov Jacob at **(917) 886-3865**, or Dr. Friedman at **(917) 710-4896**.

LIAISON WITH JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Beth Israel is proud of our excellent relationships with the many local, regional and national organizations that serve the Jewish community, particularly in the area of health care. We work closely with Satmar Bikur Cholim, Bikur Cholim of the Lower East Side, Sephardic Bikur Cholim, Hatzoloh, United Jewish Council of the Lower East Side, Project Ezra, Chai Lifeline, Echo, MRA, and numerous other groups.

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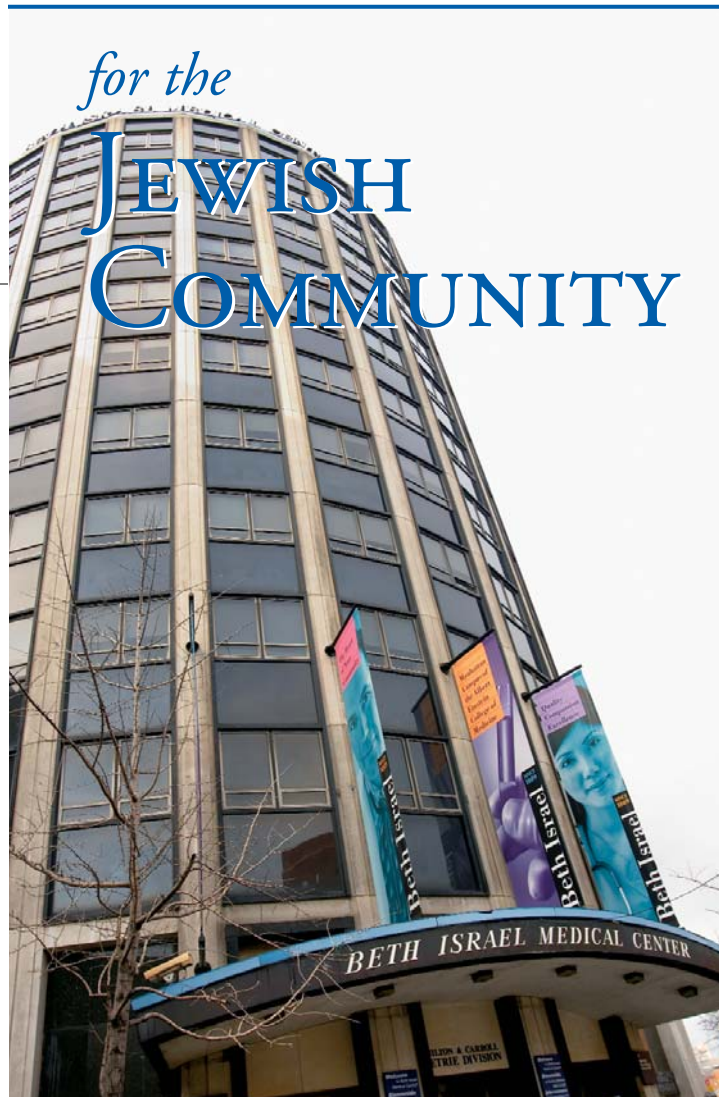
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BETH ISRAEL'S
GUIDE TO
HEALTH CARE SERVICES



DEDICATION TO A
Historic Mission

More than a century ago, waves of Jewish immigrants made their way to the Lower East Side to carve out a better life in the United States. To meet their health care needs, they founded Beth Israel Hospital, based on the ancient Jewish principles of *tzedakah* and *chesed*.

Beth Israel Hospital was established with three main objectives. The first was to have a hospital convenient to the crowded tenements on the Lower East Side. The second was to have a hospital that would observe strictly orthodox principles in its kitchen as well as in other respects. And, finally, the founders of Beth Israel wanted a hospital that would admit new immigrants, as other city hospitals required a year of residency before they would care for immigrants.

This GUIDE TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES reviews many of the general concerns of Jewish patients and their families, and lists several specific services that are available in and near our Petrie campus on the Lower East Side.

dedication

FOOD *Services*

KOSHER FOOD

At the Beth Israel Petrie campus, all food prepared and served by our Food Service Department is certified Glatt Kosher by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations. OU certification.

Upon request, Cholov Yisrael and CRC (OJ) meals are available.

Our cafeteria, located in the lobby of the Linsky Pavilion, is also under the supervision of the OU.

All water at the Petrie Campus is filtered.

All Kashrus questions should be referred to the Mashgiach in the kitchen, at **(212) 420-2714**.

AREA KOSHER FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

- **LA BAGEL**, First Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets (*dairy*).
- **MURRAY'S GRILL**, First Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets (*meat*).

Both of these restaurants are Kosher, certified by Rabbi Shmuel Fishelis, **(212) 228-2429**.

meeting needs

RELIGIOUS *Services*

HOSPITAL RABBI

Rabbi Sheldon Goldsmith can be reached at
(212) 420-2729.

SHABBOS AND JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Beth Israel recognizes that many patients and their families observe Shabbos and the Jewish holidays. Our staff is prepared to assist observant patients in completing admission forms should the need arise. We have a special Shabbos elevator in the Linsky Pavilion and, in units where doors are locked (such as the OB-GYN and Pediatric units in Dazian, and the Psychiatry units in Karpas and the Emergency Room), our staff is sensitive to the needs of observant patients and visitors, and will gladly accommodate you.

Electric candelabras are available for Shabbos and Jewish Holidays. Please contact Rabbi Goldsmith.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The Synagogue, located in the Linsky Lobby, is open 24 hours a day. Mincha Services are held at 1:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

The nearest synagogue is Beis Medrash Zichron Moshe, 342 East 20th Street, between First and Second Avenues. Rabbi Naftali Rotenstreich can be contacted at **(212) 924-3200**.

observance

PROVIDING

Accommodations

SHABBOS AND JEWISH HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

The Satmar Bikur Cholim has two apartments on 18th Street. Please contact Rabbi Landau at **(718) 486-6349** to verify availability and arrange access.

Hospital apartments in Gilman Hall may be available. Please contact Richard Friedman, MD, or one of the patient navigators to verify availability and arrange access.

BIKUR CHOLIM

The Satmar Bikur Cholim provides Glatt Kosher food for family members and patients. To arrange delivery, call **(718) 387-7749**. The Satmar Bikur Cholim contact person is Mrs. Chana Hoffman, **(718) 388-2478**.

The Yehuda Memorial Hospitality Room, located in the Linsky Lobby adjacent to the Synagogue, is open 24 hours a day for rest and quiet contemplation. Food is provided by the Ladies' Satmar Bikur Cholim organization. A refrigerator and two microwave ovens for dairy and meat are also available.

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OFFERING

Counseling

GENETIC DISEASES

Certified medical geneticists and genetic counselors are available. Services include genetic counseling and education, carrier screening, genetic testing and prenatal diagnosis. Conditions for which testing is available include Tay-Sachs disease, cystic fibrosis, Canavan disease, Niemann-Pick disease, Fanconi anemia, Bloom syndrome and Gaucher disease. For information about our genetic counseling, please call **(212) 420-4179**.

MEDICAL ETHICS

In medical treatment decision-making, patients and families will occasionally seek guidance from halachic authorities. Faculty and staff are respectful of the halachic principles to which our patients are committed, and work closely with their rabbinic authorities.

DIGNITY FOR THE DECEASED

At Beth Israel, there is no compromise when it comes to respect for the deceased. Hospital staff is trained to work with Chevra Kadisha organizations in preserving the dignity of the deceased, arranging for *shomrim* and other burial arrangements. Please contact Rabbi Goldsmith for information or assistance.

counseling