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Presenter Bios

Toby Bressler, PhD, RN, OCN is the Director of Nursing for Oncology and Clinical Quality in the Mount Sinai Health System. She received her BSN, Magna Cum Laude from SUNY Downstate, Master's degree at NYU, receiving an award for exemplary leadership and academic achievement, and her PhD from Molloy College of Nursing. Dr. Bressler's research interests focuses on the Orthodox Jewish community, care of the cancer patient and the promotion palliative care and quality of life of patients and families. Her interest in this area of inquiry is personal, as a member of the Orthodox Jewish community, when she witnesses first-hand the need to improve health and wellness. Dr. Bressler's research has concentrated on bringing forward the nuances and complexity of spiritual, cultural and existential needs of the Orthodox Jewish community. Her work has been funded by professional and private foundations. She has authored more than 50 articles, chapters, and posters and has presented widely. Dr. Bressler is Chair of the American Nurses Association Education Committee, Chair of the Eastern Nurses Research Society Palliative Care Research Interest Group and also serves as a Jonas Policy Scholar with the American Academy of Nursing.

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Shulamit Burstein has a Masters of Arts in Integrative Psychotherapy. Shulamit grew up in Israel and moved to London, she worked first as a Teacher and then as a Deputy Head in a high school. She then went on to study Psychotherapy culminating in the opening of a Psychotherapy Clinic. Shulamit is a mother of five children, her youngest developed severe Atopic Dermatitis. After repeated hospitalizations, Shulamit began a desperate search for a cure for her daughter. Her search took her all over the world; including Hospitals in England, the EHC in Dallas, Texas, the Clinic for Dermatology and Allergology in Munich, Germany and Hydrotherapy in Avene, France, various clinics in the Swiss Alps and more. Over the years, Shulamit acquired a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field and four years ago, together with her husband, set up the Israeli Association for Atopic Dermatitis providing care and support for children and families suffering with Atopic Dermatitis. Shulamit's flagship achievement is the setting up of a 5 week-long Summer Medical Camp in Davos, Switzerland. The climate of Davos has the added health benefit of greatly alleviating and sometimes even eliminating the effects of Atopic Dermatitis.

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Dr. Esther Lebovic is a family nurse practitioner and AASECT certified sex counselor in Lawrence and New York City. She received her first Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Touro College and a Master of Science in sociology from the University of North Texas and Neve Yerushalayim College in Israel. She was trained in premarital counseling for orthodox Jewish women by the Jewish Marriage Education organization and has been counseling brides and couples for over 20 years. She later completed a Master of Science in management at Boston University and taught marketing and business courses at Touro College and Maalot College in Jerusalem, Israel. Nursing was a second career for Esther. She completed her Bachelor of Science in nursing at Adelphi University in 2007 and has been working as a Medicare coordinator in a skilled nursing facility in the Bronx. She acquired her Master of Science in nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 2014 at Pace University in New York City. In private practice, she has been providing women's health care and sexuality counseling in the orthodox Jewish community of the Five Towns and Far Rockaway. Having recently joined New Life OB/GYN, Esther cares for culturally diverse populations in Brooklyn and the Bronx, providing a spectrum of women's health and prenatal care. In 2016, Esther received her Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Frontier Nursing University after presenting her clinical doctoral work titled "Sexual Health Assessment in the

Orthodox Jewish Community: An Assessment Tool and Algorithm". In addition, Esther serves as a Bodeket, educator, and advocate for the women of her community.

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Edward Sanocki is a partner at Sanocki Newman & Turret LLP, and his areas of specialty include medical malpractice, products liability, automobile accidents and construction accidents. With his instinctive skill and ability, he has obtained large awards for claimants in cases involving brain damage, paralysis, cognitive and intellectual impairment, blindness, spinal cord injuries, birth trauma, loss of limbs and wrongful death. He is an Emeritus member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Trial Lawyers and a graduate of New York Law School.

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Edward Reichman is a professor of Emergency Medicine and professor in the Division of Education and Bioethics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, where he teaches Jewish medical ethics. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and writes and lectures internationally in the field of Jewish medical ethics. He has been a mentor of the Medical Ethics Society of Yeshiva University since its inception. His research is devoted to the interface of medical history and Jewish law.

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Estie Rose is a certified genetic counselor and outreach coordinator for JScreen, a national non-profit Jewish genetic disease screening program based out of Emory University School of Medicine. Estie graduated from Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women and then went on to complete her Masters in Genetic Counseling from the Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She has a special interest in community education and outreach and is proud to be a resource for individuals of her own community who are facing genetic health issues.

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Susan Schulman has been practicing pediatric medicine for the past 47 years. She graduated from George Washington University School of Medicine in 1971 and is a well known pediatrician and PANDAS specialist. She is also a professor of pediatrics at New York University (NYU) and a noted author and speaker at national conferences.

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