

Planned Giving Luncheons at BIMC and SLR

At their annual luncheons, Beth Israel's 1889 Circle and St. Luke's and Roosevelt's Roosevelt-Muhlenberg Society honored members for their generous commitment to the hospitals. Both the 1889 Circle and the Roosevelt-Muhlenberg Society were formed to recognize those individuals who have made provisions in their estate plans for the hospitals. At the events, David J. Shulkin, MD, President and CEO of Beth Israel Medical Center, and Frank J. Cracolici, President and CEO of St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals, highlighted recent medical strides at their respective hospitals and thanked the members for recognizing that bequests and other planned gifts are essential for the hospitals' ongoing success.

At the Roosevelt-Muhlenberg Society Luncheon on March 31, 2008, at the New York Yacht Club, Franz H. Messerli, MD, Director of the Hypertension Program in the Division of Cardiology at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals, spoke to the 50 guests about "Hypertension in the White House." At the 1889 Circle event on March 12, 2008, at the Harmonie Club, more than 35 guests listened as Janet Mackin, RN, EdD, Dean of the Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing, talked on the topic of "Nursing Education: Think Global, Act Local."



PHOTOS

1 David J. Shulkin, MD, Lawrence S. Huntington, Janet Mackin, RN, EdD, Carol P. Green, and Stanley Brezenoff

3 Robert G. Newman, MD, Angela June Luntz, and Maurice Luntz, MD

2 Athena Kimball, Franz H. Messerli, MD, and Richard Kimball

4 Lawrence S. Huntington, Richard Pierson, MD, Joan Sarnoff, Frank J. Cracolici, and Andrew Roosevelt

Longtime Friend Perry Haber Honors Beth Israel with More Than \$300,000 in Gifts



The late Perry Haber

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Along with her husband, Samuel L. Haber, Perry G. Haber exemplified an unwavering commitment to helping those in need, and together the two were international supporters of the Jewish community as well as of health care organizations such as Beth Israel. Mrs. Haber, who passed away this year, was also a longtime friend and former employee of Beth Israel.

Now, thanks to the generosity and foresight of Mrs. Haber in including Beth Israel in her estate plans, the hospital will receive funds totaling more than \$300,000 from her estate.

“Perry and her husband cared deeply about Beth Israel and were always extraordinarily generous in their support. These latest gifts continue that longtime tradition,” said Robert Newman, MD, MPH, the former President and CEO of Beth Israel. Mrs. Haber was employed by Beth Israel for 15 years, part of which was spent as special assistant to Dr. Newman and to his predecessor, Ray Trussell, MD. Following her retirement, Mrs. Haber served on a voluntary basis as archivist for the medical center.

The Habers met in post-war Germany where Mr. Haber served as director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution

Committee for Germany, and Mrs. Haber assisted in the effort by caring for refugees. Mrs. Haber had a special interest in public health. Before joining Beth Israel, she held several positions in the New York City Department of Health, and she also established the health care program of Project Head Start. While living overseas in Geneva, she served as a consultant to the World Health Organization.

“Perry dedicated much of her life to improving health care services for people, both here in New York City and around the world,” said Dr. Newman, President Emeritus of Continuum Health Partners as well as a Beth Israel Trustee.

Mrs. Haber made Beth Israel the beneficiary of her pension plan and life insurance policy, totaling more than \$192,000. In addition, a Charitable Remainder Trust created by Mrs. Haber in 1995 in memory of her late husband provides the hospital with more than \$116,000 in unrestricted funds.

“Perry Haber had a long relationship with Beth Israel and wanted to make some contribution to the hospital,” said Seymour Corenthal, an attorney for Mrs. Haber. “Anything she was involved in, she was deeply involved—she gave it 100 percent.”

In 1995, Mrs. Haber spoke of why she and her husband decided to become supporters of the hospital. “My husband and I have always shared a deep interest in the health care needs of others and admired the outstanding work done at Beth Israel,” Mrs. Haber said at the time. “I am delighted to contribute to such a wonderful institution.”