

er risk of breast cancer during their lifetimes; and men with breast cancer have a doubled risk of getting stomach cancer, a tripled risk of melanoma, and a 50-fold risk of a second, primary breast cancer. In addition, a father or mother carrying such a gene has a 50 percent chance of transmitting it to a child: to sons as well as daughters.

For both daughters and sons of men or women who are BrCa gene-positive, perhaps it is time to consider the question of genetic screening.

*Samson Munn, M.D.
Chair (Imaging),
Breast Cancer Task Force
Northern California
Kaiser Permanente*

Upholding Our Rights as Reform Jews

In his “Dear Reader: Israel—The Responsibility Is Ours” (Spring 2008), Rabbi Yoffie chastises the “self-haters in our midst who uphold the rights of every group except their own.” He is right about that, but I would take his statement further.

In this context “the self-haters in our

Break Tradition!

Give the ultimate wedding gift...



The Lucite® Wedding Cube The Lucite® Wedding Mezuzah

Send us the actual broken glass or bulb from the ceremony and we'll have it suspended as a crystal-clear Lucite® Cube or Mezuzah (or both!) for you to give to the happy couple. Imagine—that magical second when the glass is broken—frozen in time—forever! Two new ideas for your broken wedding glass are:



The Lucite® “Tree of Life”: A one-of-a-kind sculpture, shaped from the pieces of your broken wedding glass. Every tree is different. There will never be two alike in the world... ever!

The Lucite® Wedding Invitation: Displaying both symbols of the Jewish wedding—the invitation plus the broken wedding glass shards.

The Treasured Collection

For more information call us toll free 1-800-729-2321 | 301-986-8888 • Fax: 301-986-0370

www.treasuredcollection.com

9 Candlelight Court • Potomac, MD 20854



If you often notice mysterious bruises, it could be nothing.



If you're Jewish, it could be Gaucher Disease.

You may never have heard of Gaucher Disease (pronounced “Go-Shay”). But it is found primarily in Jewish people of Ashkenazi descent. In fact, about one out of every 15 people within this group carries the Gaucher gene, a ratio far higher than Tay Sachs. It is not age or gender specific, and can affect anyone.

Gaucher warning signs include:

- Fatigue
- Nosebleeds and other bleeding problems
- Easy bruising
- Enlarged abdomen
- Bone pain and easily fractured bones
- Enlarged liver or spleen
- Low platelet count
- Anemia

Gaucher can be detected early with a blood test. Fortunately, effective treatments are available. The consequences of the disease can be debilitating, so don't wait and wonder, get the facts now.

For additional information, testing and treatment, call toll-free: **877-788-0865**

© 2008 National Gaucher Foundation

Ask your doctor about testing.



National Gaucher Foundation

www.gaucherdisease.org/rj