



**Judaism, Health, and Healing**  
A Chicago Community Resource Conference

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**Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership**  
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## PURPOSE, RATIONALE, SCOPE, SOUGHT LEARNING OUTCOMES

A professional practice gap was identified through meetings and discussions among the conference conveners, planning committee, boards of directors, and educational leadership of the sponsoring institutions. This gap related to applying ethical decision making and knowledge of Jewish medical and legal ethics related to patient care issues at the beginning and end of life, as well as in a range of other areas, including circumcision, organ and tissue donation and transplant decision, physical and sexual abuse, genetic testing, and national health policy. Jewish medical ethics provides physicians of all backgrounds with an additional lens through which to understand and care for Jewish patients and has direct implications for health care more generally. As a result, the following conference has been developed for the following target audience with these learning objectives:

### TARGET AUDIENCE:

**Physicians, attorneys, health care and community professionals, and the general public**

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Define and describe several contemporary health care issues—including organ donations and transplants, genetic testing, abuse, comparative health care systems, mental disorders, circumcision, reproduction, and end of life issues—from medical, legal, rabbinic, and ethical perspectives.
- Identify and discuss comparative and contrasting Jewish and American legal approaches and requirements regarding medical research, treatment, and practice.
- Utilize inter-professional discussions to differentiate and assess health care issues within a Jewish context.
- Integrate general and multi-disciplinary knowledge of physicians, attorneys, and health care and community professionals on several health care issues, including beginning and end of life issues, circumcision, health policy, mental health, organ and tissue donation and transplantation, and genetic testing, to assess and evaluate opportunities for inter-professional practice.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Medicine, Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, and DePaul University College of Law Center for Jewish Law & Judaic Studies. The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s). Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**This conference is supported in part by a grant from the Charles and M.R. Shapiro Foundation.**

DePaul University College of Law is an accredited Illinois MCLE provider. This conference has been approved for up to 6.5 hours of CLE credit.

**Resource tables from various Jewish and health care organizations will be available in room 707 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

## PROGRAM

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Coffee/Registration

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. **SESSION 1**

### **1A. The Circumcision Debate: Medical and Legal Implications**

Room 721

1.5 CLE Credits

1.5 CME Credits

#### **Rabbi Steven H. Resnicoff**

Professor of Law, DePaul University College of Law (Chicago)

#### **Sheldon Berkowitz, MD**

Medical Director, Children's Hospitals and Clinics (Minneapolis)

Ritual circumcision is a fundamental Jewish practice of extraordinary symbolic and spiritual significance. Many physicians believe that it may, in some specific ways, bear health benefits as well. Modern studies suggest that one step (known as Metzizah b'peh, or MBP) in circumcision, as practiced by many traditional Mohalim, can in rare cases produce tragic harm. The New York City Board of Health has promulgated a regulation requiring parents to sign a form acknowledging that MBP can lead to serious complications before MBP can be performed. However, the constitutionality of this regulation is currently being contested in court, and no other city or state has even attempted to impose such a requirement. Obstetricians, pediatricians and general practitioners can play a critical role in educating parents-to-be regarding the general benefits of circumcision and also the consequences of MBP.

### ***1B. Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders (OCD)***

Room 714  
1.5 CME Credits

#### **Neil Bockian, PhD**

Professor of Clinical Psychology, Adler School of Professional Psychology (Chicago)

OCD is an anxiety disorder that creates cycles of thoughts and behaviors that can disturb regular functioning. To address ongoing obsessions that cannot be controlled, OCD leads to the need for the performance of various routines or compulsions to prevent or dismiss obsessive thoughts. OCD behavior can manifest in many ways and in many different realms, including religious life. In this session, we explore standard definitions and treatment of OCD through the examination of several case studies.

### ***1C. Spirituality and Health***

Room 722  
1.5 CME Credits

#### **Rabbi Suzanne Griffel**

Rabbinic Chaplain, Jewish Care Services, Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center (Chicago)

Every day at the beginning of the morning service, Jews thank God for our physical health, our souls, and our intellect, expressed as the opportunity to study Torah. The juxtaposition of these three blessings is a practical and constant reminder of the deep and reciprocal connection between body, mind, and spirit in Judaism. Maintaining our physical health as best we can enables us to engage in spiritual pursuits such as prayer, Torah study, and acts of loving kindness. Conversely, when we are in ill health, spiritual practices such as prayer, reciting Psalms, and visiting the sick—as adjuncts to the practice of medicine, which has been almost universally endorsed by sages throughout Jewish history—can contribute to healing. In this session we will visit a sampling of legal, homiletic, and liturgical texts from a variety of perspectives and time periods as we explore this multi-layered connection between spirituality and health.

### ***1D. Guard Your Health: Preventive Care and Genetic Testing***

Room 711  
1.5 CLE Credits  
1.5 CME Credits

#### **Nanette Elster**

Adjunct Faculty, John Marshall Law School and Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine (Chicago)

### **Joshua Sarnoff**

Professor of Law, DePaul University (Chicago)

Is there a duty to disclose genetic test results to family members? Professors Elster and Sarnoff will discuss the questions, risks, and benefits of pre-natal and pre-conception genetic testing, the impact of genetic testing, and the restrictions on genetic testing on women. They will highlight the impact of the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act and focus attention on implications for patient autonomy and informed consent. Geared to doctors, health care workers, lawyers, and people who are interested in genetics and genetic testing, this panel will consider ethical concerns regarding the current state of patent law dealing with gene patents and gene diagnostic method patents. Professors Elster and Sarnoff will also discuss implications of patent law for freedom to research, provide medical care, and research and develop biotechnology products and diagnostic methods.

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **SESSION 2**

### ***2A. Organ Donation and Transplant Issues***

Room 721  
1.5 CLE Credits  
1.5 CME Credits

#### **Jack Bierig**

Partner, Sidley Austin LLP (Chicago)

#### **Rabbi Michael Brojde**

Professor of Law, Emory University Law and Rabbi, Young Israel of Toco Hills (Atlanta)

Modern medical technology enables the transplantation of organs and other tissue from live and cadaveric donors. Organ transplantation raises a host of questions, including exactly what may be transplanted, whose consent is required for harvesting organs, how recipients are selected (i.e., by whom and pursuant to what criteria), and whether organs or tissue may be sold. This program compares and contrasts the answers provided by American and Jewish law. In addition, it examines the interaction of these two bodies of law. For example, assume that Jewish law would require that a particular transplant be performed in order to save a life, the saving of life being one of the most precious of Jewish values. However, the transplant can only be done in circumstances that would violate American law (e.g., the donor is only willing to illegally "sell" the needed organ). How does the American law prohibition affect one's Jewish law duties and options?

## **2B. Clinical and Pastoral Responses of Judaism**

Room 722

1.5 CME Credits

### **Rabbi Joseph Ozarowski**

Rabbinic Chaplain, Jewish Healing Network of Chicago (Chicago)

In contemporary society people often turn to clergy for strength, reassurance, and guidance at particularly difficult times, especially at times of addiction, severe illness, and mourning. Health care professionals and clergy must provide a range of clinical and pastoral assistance. In this session we explore the range of Jewish approaches to clinical and pastoral care, drawing from text study of several key Jewish sources and case studies.

## **2C. Abuse within the Jewish Community Across the Age Span**

Room 714

1.5 CME Credits

### **Vivian Skolnick, PhD**

Clinical Psychologist and Faculty Member, Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis (Chicago)

### **Susan Zoline, PhD**

Clinical Psychologist and Associate Professor, Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Argosy University (Chicago)

This program will address a variety of forms of abuse encountered within the Jewish community and society at large: child physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; domestic partner abuse; abuse of individuals with disabilities; and elder abuse. The presenters will address detection, assessment, intervention, education, and prevention strategies relevant to the individual victim, family, service providers and broader community. Historical and cultural challenges in addressing issues of abuse within the community will be examined. Paths to healing for the survivor will be identified and discussed.

## **2D. Comparisons between American and Israeli Health Care**

Room 711

### **Stan Lapidos**

Instructor Manager, Preventive Medicine, Rush Medical College (Chicago)

1.5 CME Credits

This session provides a demographic overview of health care challenges in America and Israel, comparing the health care delivery systems in each country on such indices as government financing, system structure, managed care, payment options, education, and training. We will discuss health disparities, aging populations, competition for financial resources, and the impact of the Middle East conflict on population health. After sharing

Israeli perspectives on health, social, economic, and other challenges, the session will conclude with a brief discussion of some innovations in research and practice regarding technology, pharmaceuticals, and disease management.

12:30 - 2:15 p.m. **LUNCH SESSION**

## ***Responding to Suffering at the End of Life: Lessons from Medicine, Law, and the Jewish Tradition***

Crown Family Great Hall (9th floor)

1.5 CLE Credits

1.5 CME Credits

### **Sheldon Berkowitz, MD**

Medical Director, General Pediatrics Clinic, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota (Minneapolis)

### **Rabbi Michael Broyde**

Professor of Law, Emory University Law and Rabbi, Young Israel of Toco Hills (Atlanta)

### **Sherry Brandt-Rauf**

Research Associate Professor of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago)

### **Aron Buchman, MD**

Professor, Department of Neurological Sciences, Rush University Medical Center (Chicago)

### **James Tulsky, MD**

Professor of Medicine and Nursing,, Duke Chief Palliative Care, Duke University, (Durham, NC)

Responses to suffering at the end of life entail a variety of medical, legal, and pastoral aspects. While end of life discussions are often focused on adults, this session also explores end of life considerations for terminally ill children. In this session, we will focus on the nature of end of life discussions in contemporary America and consider how modern medical and legal approaches intersect or conflict with traditional Jewish approaches to the end of life. We explore varying definitions of end of life and suffering, considering how Judaism defines these concepts and articulates quality of life and understands pain control. The session provides an overview of state and federal laws related to recent end of life cases.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. **THE ANNUAL TULSKY SYMPOSIUM OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH FUTURE: JUDAISM AND REPRODUCTION**

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***Judaism and Reproduction***

Feinberg Theater (2nd floor)

2 CLE Credits\*

2 CME Credits

**Nanette Elster**

Adjunct Faculty, John Marshall Law School and Lecturer, Loyola University (Chicago)

**Rachel Kohl Finegold**

Ritual and Education Director, Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel (Chicago)

**Elan Simckes, MD**

Medical Director of The Fertility Partnership and President and Senior Partner, Women's Care and Fertility (St. Louis)

Assisted reproduction has raised many medical, legal, religious, and personal issues for health care providers, policy makers, rabbis, patients and their families. One of the most thoroughly discussed and emotionally volatile of medical technologies today, assisted reproduction can be a very complicated subject. In the annual Tulskey Symposium on the American Jewish Future, we are pleased to present a panel of distinguished speakers from medical, legal, and rabbinic perspectives to clarify key issues associated with this important and sensitive issue. In this session we address recent medical developments in assisted reproduction, halakhic and legal discussions about the use and limitations of reproductive technology, and communal and spiritual concerns related to reproduction. The session surveys a range of medical, ethical, and legal issues, including those related to collaborative reproductive agreements, fertility preservation, and the disposition of cryopreserved embryos and disclosure issues in egg, sperm, and embryo donation. The session also explores Jewish case law for recent and classical approaches to reproduction, such as the status of the Niddah, the production of sperm samples, the identity of sperm or egg donors, and the halakhic status of surrogate mothers.

**PRESENTERS**

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**Sheldon Berkowitz, MD**, has been a pediatrician for over 25 years and has been in practice at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota since 2001. He is currently the medical director of the General Pediatrics Clinic on its Minneapolis campus. Dr. Berkowitz went to medical school at the University of Colorado and completed his pediatric residency at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He went into pediatrics because he enjoys interacting with children and tries to make their visits to the clinic as enjoyable as

possible. Dr. Berkowitz enjoys all aspects of primary care and is very interested in expanding the concepts of the medical home to all patients. He has a long time interest in bioethics and has lectured and written on various bioethics subjects both locally and nationally.

**Jack Bierig** is a partner at Sidley Austin LLP and has extensive experience in general representation of associations, antitrust matters, litigation challenging government action affecting health care providers, copyright, trademark and trade secret cases, and FDA matters. He has represented numerous associations and health care providers in government antitrust and health fraud investigations, in actions brought by the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission, and in private antitrust cases. He has written numerous articles for various publications, including *Antitrust Health Care Chronicle*, *The Health Lawyer*, *Pathologist*, *American Bar Association Journal*, *Loyola Law Journal*, and *St. Louis University Law Journal*. He contributed a chapter, "Antitrust for Physicians," for the *Physician's Survival Guide*, jointly published by the American Medical Association and the National Health Lawyers Association. He lectures widely on antitrust, association law, and health care regulatory topics. Mr. Bierig teaches Health Law and Food and Drug Law courses at the University of Chicago Law School and the Harris School of Public Policy. He also founded their Center for Conflict Resolution.

**Neil Bockian, PhD**, has been a professor of clinical psychology and behavioral medicine since 1995, first at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology, and since 2005 at the Adler School of Professional Psychology. He is currently the director of the Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy concentration at the Adler School. Dr. Bockian has been a practicing clinical psychologist since 1990. He is well-versed in numerous forms of treatment and is the lead author of 3 books on this topic: *Personality Guided Therapy for Depression* (American Psychological Association Press, 2006); *New Hope for People with Borderline Personality Disorder* (Random House, 2002); and *The Personality Disorders Treatment Planner* (Wiley, 2001). He has applied this approach to the treatment of people with medical problems, such as chronic pain, spinal cord injury, cancer, multiple sclerosis, and other conditions. Dr. Bockian has over 40 presentations and publications in the Health/Rehabilitation Psychology domain. He is also an American Association of Clinical Hypnosis Level-3 hypnotist, is trained in mindfulness meditation, and is certified in neurofeedback; these approaches are often helpful to individuals with difficult medical conditions.

**Sherry I. Brandt-Rauf** is the associate research professor at the Center for the Study of Society and Medicine; she focuses on areas in which law and medicine overlap. Particular interests include the ownership of scientific data, occupational health, genetic testing, conflicts of interest, and the ethics of

research on vulnerable populations. Recent projects include an Individual Project Fellowship at the Open Society Institute, researching the nature of the pharmaceutical industry's interactions with medical students and residents and, under a grant from the Jewish Women's Foundation of New York, preparation of an online information booklet for Ashkenazi Jewish women considering genetic testing for BRCA mutations. She sits on the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Institutional Review Board and Pediatric Ethics Committee.

**Michael J. Broyde** is a professor of law at Emory Law and a senior fellow at Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University. His primary areas of interest are law and religion, Jewish law and ethics, and comparative religious law. Besides Jewish law and family law, Professor Broyde has taught Federal Courts, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Secured Credit and Bankruptcy. He received a juris doctor from New York University and published a note on the law review. He also clerked for Judge Leonard I. Garth of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Professor Broyde is ordained (yoreh yoreh ve-yadin yadin) as a rabbi by Yeshiva University and is a member (dayan) of the Beth Din of America, the largest Jewish law court in America. He was the director of that court during the 1997-1998 academic year, while on leave from Emory. Outside of Emory, Professor Broyde was the founding rabbi of the Young Israel synagogue in Atlanta, was the founder of the Atlanta Torah MiTzion kollel study program, gives a daily class in Jewish law in a yadi-yadin kollel, and is a board member of many organizations in Atlanta.

**Aron S. Buchman, MD**, is on staff at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center and a professor in the Department of Neurological Sciences at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Following his residency training in neurology at Rush University Medical Center, Dr. Buchman completed a fellowship in movement disorders and clinical neuropharmacology at Rush (1986). He then completed further fellowship training in clinical electrophysiology and neuromuscular diseases at the University of British Columbia (1987-88). Dr. Buchman then served as director of the EMG Laboratory at Rush from 1988 to 1996 and acting director of the Section on Neuromuscular Diseases in 1997. He received a career development award from the NINDS/NIH from 1994-99 for his work that investigated motor control and motor unit recruitment. Dr. Buchman was a research fellow at the NeuroMuscular Research Center at Boston University from 1992-95 and a visiting scientist in the Department of Applied Mathematics at the Weizmann Institute of Science from 1995-97. Dr. Buchman's current research focuses on identifying the pathologic indices and other biologic factors linking a wide range of risk factors to late-life cognitive and motor decline.

**Nanette Elster** is vice president of Spence & Elster P.C., a Chicago-area law firm working in the area of fertility law. She also holds an adjunct faculty position at John Marshall Law School where she teaches Assisted Reproduction and the Law as well as Public Health Law, and is a lecturer at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy. Ms. Elster holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University School of Public Health. Ms. Elster currently serves on the board of directors of the Center for Jewish Genetics, as a member of the University of Illinois at Chicago embryo stem cell research oversight committee, RESOLVE Advisory Board on Public Awareness of Embryo Donation, the Alliance for Fertility Preservation, and as a member of the ABA Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law. She has extensive experience in legal, public health and ethical issues related to women's and children's health. She has spoken nationally and internationally and is the author of numerous articles on the legal, health policy and ethical implications of a range of public health issues. She has appeared on such media staples as CNN, Good Morning America and NPR.

**Rachel Kohl Finegold** is the education and ritual director at Anshe Shalom B'nai Israel Congregation in Chicago, where she holds the Dr. Carol Fuchs Kaufman Rabbanit Chair. As part of her role at the synagogue, she counsels women in the Jewish laws of Niddah, which govern menstruation and sexual activity. She also provides halakhic and spiritual guidance through the Adam R. Straus Memorial Mikvah, where she trains mikvah attendants and serves as a resource for women struggling with fertility or relationship challenges. She completed the Scholars Circle program at the Drisha Institute in New York City. She is currently enrolled in the inaugural class of Yeshivat Maharat, a new institution training Orthodox women as Halakhic and spiritual leaders, and is a founding member of the Orthodox Women's Leadership Project. She lectures widely around Chicago, serves on the editorial board of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance (JOFA) Journal, and was named one of the JUF's 36 Under 36.

**Suzanne Griffel** is a chaplain in the Jewish Care Services program at Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center, which serves the north side of Chicago and the northern and northwestern suburbs. She provides spiritual care to Jewish hospice patients and their families; this includes supportive visits and telephone calls and can also entail assisting patients and families in completing advance directives and/or ethical wills, consulting about bioethical and Halakhic issues from a non-Orthodox perspective, and planning and officiating at funerals and memorial services. Rabbi Griffel completed her residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago in September, 2004. She had previously served as

a rabbi at Congregation Or Chadash in Chicago and at Hillel at the University of Chicago. She was ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1990.

**Stan Lapidos** is a project manager and instructor in the Department of Preventive Medicine at Rush University Medical Center. He has worked in the field of aging and health care for over 37 years in such areas as long term care administration, governmental programs for the elderly, managed care, academic teaching, and chronic disease research. In addition to being a faculty member at Rush, he is an adjunct instructor in the Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work and in the Nonprofit Management Program at Spertus Institute. He received his bachelor's degree in English literature from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and a master's degree in aging and long term care from the Center for Studies in Aging at the University of North Texas. Mr. Lapidos' primary area of academic and applied practice concentration is on the role of interdisciplinary teams in improving health care delivery. He has authored or co-authored many articles on inter-professional teams in health care education and practice and has presented at many professional conferences and forums in the United States. He has also given presentations on inter-professional teams at a number of academic and health care institutions in Israel and the United Kingdom including Hadassah Hospital, Western Galilee Hospital, Maccabi Health Plan, Tel Aviv University School of Social Work and the Israel Gerontological Society in Israel and to senior leadership in the British National Health Service and the University of Manchester in England.

**Joseph S. Ozarowski** is a rabbinic chaplain at the Jewish Healing Network of Chicago. For over 25 years Rabbi Ozarowski has enjoyed a distinguished career as a pulpit rabbi, educator, author and chaplain. He received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University Chicago, his rabbinic ordination from Chicago's Hebrew Theological College, and his doctorate from Lancaster Theological Seminary. He has served congregations in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, California and the New York area, and he is a leader in the field of pastoral care and Judaism. He was the past chair of the Pastoral Care Committee at Franklin Hospital Medical Center in Valley Stream, New York, has been a governing board member of the Metropolitan Coordinating Council on Bikur Holim in New York, and also a member of the New York UJA/Federation task forces on pastoral care and hospice. He served as staff Jewish chaplain at New York University Medical Center, where he created a professional Jewish presence at the extensive hospital campus. Rabbi Ozarowski co-authored "Common Ground" and has written numerous other articles. His first book, *To Walk in God's Ways—Jewish Pastoral Perspectives on Illness and Bereavement*, is considered a standard in the field of Judaism and pastoral care.

**Steven H. Resnicoff** is a professor of law at DePaul University, where he has received numerous awards for his teaching and scholarship, and is co-director of the Center for Jewish Law & Judaic Studies (JLJS). Formerly chair of the American Association of Law School's Section on Jewish Law and chair of the executive board of the Jewish Law Association, Professor Resnicoff earned his law degree at Yale and received advanced rabbinic ordination (yoreh yoreh yadin yadin) from the late sage, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, of blessed memory. Resnicoff is the author or co-author of five books, including *Understanding Jewish Law*, published by LexisNexis, and over 50 articles and book chapters. Much of his work focuses on the interrelationships between the Jewish and secular legal systems.

**Joshua D. Sarnoff** is a professor of law at DePaul University, where he teaches patent law and other related courses. Prior to joining DePaul, he was a professor at American University Washington College of Law, teaching patent law and supervising students in the Glushko-Samuels Intellectual Property Law Clinic. Professor Sarnoff is a registered patent attorney and a member of the bars of Washington, D.C., and California, a member of the board of governors of the Federal Circuit Bar Association, and a member of the boards of directors and advisory boards of various nonprofit organizations. He has written numerous articles and book chapters on patent law and has been involved in a wide range of intellectual property legal and policy disputes. He has submitted testimony on domestic patent law reform bills, has filed numerous amicus briefs in the United States Supreme Court and in the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on important patent law issues, has been a pro bono mediator for the Federal Circuit, and has been a consultant to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on international intellectual property, trade, and environmental issues. Professor Sarnoff was formerly in the private practice of intellectual property, environmental, and food and drug law in Washington, D.C.

**Elan Simckes, MD**, has been practicing Fertility Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology for over 20 years. He trained at Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem where in the 1980s he assisted in some of the earliest in vitro fertilization procedures. In 1993, he arrived in St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked with Dr. Sherman Silber, a pioneer in the field of reproductive medicine. After 10 years, Dr. Simckes moved on to work at the Sher Institute of Reproductive Medicine. In 2009 he founded the Fertility Partnership, the dream that he had for many years. The goal of the Fertility Partnership is to provide state-of-the-art reproductive healthcare in a caring and warm environment at an affordable cost (Newsweek, August 2010). Dr. Simckes has delivered nearly 3,000 babies, many of whom are the product of his clinic's endeavors. He was on staff at Washington University School of Medicine for 18 years, has been a clinical instructor at the Mercy Hospital's

OB/GYN, residency program, and a preceptor for the nurse practitioner program at the University of Missouri St. Louis School of Nursing. He is a frequent women's health commentator on St. Louis news channels, and has appeared on CNN and Oprah's radio network. Dr. Simckes is also proud to have served on the Missouri Genetic Advisory Board since 2009.

**Vivian Skolnick**, PhD, received her doctorate in psychology at the Illinois Institute of Technology and is a registered clinical psychologist. She is a graduate of the Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis, where she is a faculty member. She is an affiliate member of the Society of the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis and served as membership chairperson of Nefesh International, an organization that provides leadership and interdisciplinary education in the field of personal, family, and community mental health. Dr. Skolnick has published in professional journals and has presented papers on topics related to psychology and religion, and is the author of *The Biblical Path to Psychological Maturity* (Trafford 2010). She resides in Chicago where she is in private practice as a clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst providing both treatment and supervision. Dr. Skolnick has been very active in prevention and education of child abuse in the Orthodox community.

**James Tulsky**, MD, is chief of Duke Palliative Care and professor of medicine and nursing at Duke University. Dr. Tulsky received an AB from Cornell University, completed his medical degree at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago, and trained in internal medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), where he also served as chief medical resident. After completing a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Fellowship, he joined the Duke faculty in 1993. Dr. Tulsky received the 2002 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers from the White House Office of Science and Technology and the 2006 Award for Research Excellence from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He is currently a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Transforming Care at the End of Life. Dr. Tulsky has a longstanding interest in doctor-patient communication and quality of life at the end of life, and has published over 140 peer reviewed publications as well as a book, *Mastering Communication with Seriously Ill Patients* (Cambridge). His current research focuses on the evaluation and enhancement of communication between oncologists and patients at the end of life, development of self-management interventions for patients with life-limiting illness, and evaluating the role of palliative care in congestive heart failure.

**Susan Zoline**, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist who has been practicing, teaching and consulting in the Chicago area for over 30 years. Dr. Zoline is associate professor of psychology at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Argosy University Chicago, where she has been

teaching master's and doctoral students in clinical psychology since 1988 and has received numerous teaching and service awards. Dr. Zoline's areas of professional expertise include professional ethics, suicide, violence and abuse prevention/assessment/intervention, and risk management. Dr. Zoline has worked clinically in a broad variety of settings including private practice, medical settings, community mental health centers and university counseling centers. Dr. Zoline is a long-standing member and current co-chair of the Illinois Psychological Association Ethics Committee. Additionally, she has served as an expert witness for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation regarding clinical psychologist licensure issues. She regularly consults and provides training workshops to mental health and other professionals in a variety of settings including organizations within the Jewish community.