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Mazel Tov!

The Chicago Board of Rabbis and the Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders congratulate you on your upcoming marriage. This is a time for happiness and joy but also a time to reflect on your new life together.

Knowledge is the key to prevention of Jewish genetic disorders. Given the array of new technologies, early detection of carrier status allows couples to exercise a wide range of reproductive options. If carrier status is detected during pregnancy, options are fewer and decision-making becomes much more difficult.

We have enclosed educational materials for your review. The information sheet gives an overview of nine Jewish genetic disorders with facts about testing, frequency rates, and treatment options. The resource card provides you with a list of screening and testing locations, support agencies and helpful websites. The Action Card for Couples outlines steps you can take to help make health care decisions.

We thank you in advance for considering your responsibility to each other and to future generations. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please call the Center at (312) 357-4718, fax (312) 855-3295, email jewishgeneticsctr@juf.org, or visit us online at www.jewishgeneticscenter.org.

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