



National Bone Marrow Registry

Join the National Bone Marrow Registry – You might be a match for someone in our community.

Dear Friends:

There are times in life when we need the help of everyone we know, friends, members of the communities and groups we belong to, colleagues in the work place and even strangers. Now is such a time for the Cohen family!

Alan Cohen a 49-year old investment manager has an aggressive life-threatening disease... acute erythroleukemia. He is the brother of Susan Cohen, who grew up at the Reconstructoinist Synagogue of the North Shore, is a past president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation of NY/NJ, a member of Bnai Keshet and a former member of West End Synagogue.

He is the son of Lilly and the late George Cohen, husband of Judy, father of twelve-year old twins Maddy and Wendy, and much loved by his extended family.

Alan is currently at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City, where he is getting excellent medical treatment, including chemo. Because his leukemia is progressing so rapidly, he will need a bone marrow transplant within a matter of weeks.

We are seeking a “match” from a person who can contribute a small amount of bone marrow that can replace Alan’s toxic bone marrow and cure him. History records many successful transplants of this type. The donor the doctors seek would probably be Jewish, Ashkenazi and possibly a Cohen. The test for a donor match consists of a saliva sample from someone between 18 and 60 years old, with no history of chemotherapy treatment

American and Israeli bone registries have and continue to search for a match. Thousands of recent swabs are being urgently analyzed at these registries with underwriting by York Capital, Alan’s firm, plus other generous donors.

BUT, WE NEED THOUSANDS MORE PEOPLE TO BE TESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE because in Alan’s particular case a match is difficult to find. Please note, by expanding the number of people listed in the bone marrow registries other lives will be saved as well!

There are donor drives planned for suburban and urban areas of NY and NJ in the week ahead. Please scroll down for detailed information on what you can do. If you live outside of the NY/NJ area, please check the national website and pages listed below for how you can register as a donor. Most importantly, please share this email widely with others in your Jewish community and other Jewish communities.

Thank you from all of us.

The Cohen Family and Friends

November Donor Drives in the New York area:

Gift of Life has several Manhattan, urban and suburban drives, listed below.

In New Jersey: Free swab testing

Sunday, November 29 at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, Teaneck • 3 -7PM

Sunday, December 6, 2009 at UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey on Super Sunday!
50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus between 11 AM – 5 PM.

Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60. There is no cost to participate.
No reservations necessary.

ACTION STEPS IN THE CAMPAIGN TO HELP ALAN –

What You Can Do

1. FREE Swab Tests Available in NYC and Westchester. Another alternative, for folks who can't make it to a drive, or can't be a tissue donor (e.g. under 18 or over 60) is to register on line and have a kit mailed to you (but they need to hurry!):

You can do this via the Jewish Registry or the National Registry – both registries share information.

Jewish Registry: Use the promo code: SAVEALAN (one word) and sign up online at: <https://www.giftoflife.org/Public/Online/Donor/Guidelines.aspx>

National Registry: Use the promo code: alancohen (one word) and sign up online at: <http://join.marrow.org/alancohen>

Please also see the Ezer MiZion, website. EMZ has the world's largest Jewish registry (and Alan is more likely to match with an Ashkenazi Jewish donor). Please go to the Alan Cohen page on their web site:

ezermizionpartners.org/Alan2.html, or, send your check made out to Ezer Mizion to: York Capital, 767 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10153, Att: Daniel Dauber.

2. JOIN A BONE MARROW REGISTRY ON LINE. For a \$54 fee a swabbing kit will be mailed to you. You can do the swab yourself and mail it back a.s.a.p. for processing. Information on <http://join.marrow.org>.

3. DONATE MONEY TO ONE OF THE TWO BONE MARROW REGISTRIES SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN GET TESTED AND HAVE THEIR SWABS PROCESSED QUICKLY.

Ezer Mizion, a dedicated bone marrow registry in Israel will be collecting 8,000 samples in the near future, including from Israeli Army recruits. Each sample costs \$45 to process. Go to ezermizion@aol.com, or, send your check made out to Ezer Mizion to: York Capital, 767 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10153, Att: Daniel Dauber.

Gift of Life at www.giftoflife.org is the dedicated Jewish bone marrow registry in the U.S. Information about donating is found on the web site.

4. PLEASE FORWARD THIS E-MAIL TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW.