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To Whom It May Concern

The Beth Din have been made aware of the very significant work being undertaken by the Jewish Genetic Disorders UK (JGD UK) organisation in offering testing facilities for the ten most prevalent genetic diseases in the Ashkenzi Jewish community.

We would like to emphasise that it is important that people should avail themselves of the resources available for genetic testing, whether those offered by *Dor Yeshorim*, or those now available for the wider community by JGD UK.

A simple blood test can avert the incidence of tragic genetic disease by alerting carriers to the risks to their children by marrying another carrier. It is a fulfilment of the mitzvah of וּנְשַׁמְרֶתֶם מְאֹד לְנַפְשֵׁיכֶם - “you shall surely take care of your health” to undertake those measures that can prevent illness in our lives and thereby enhance the health of the community.

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