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**BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER CELEBRATES ITS ANNUAL
SECOND CENTURY BALL
AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL ON NOVEMBER 11, 2007**
*Howard N. Blitman of the Blitman Building Corporation and his wife, Maureen
Co-Chair the Event*

New York, NY (November 27, 2007) On Sunday, November 11, longtime Beth Israel Trustee Howard N. Blitman of the Blitman Building Corporation and his wife, Maureen, co-chaired **Beth Israel Medical Center's 2007 Second Century Ball at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel**. A video featuring thousands of photos that depict "A Day in the Life of Beth Israel", created by nationally renowned photographer Nick Barberio, was debuted at the event, which was attended by more than 950 guests. The event raised \$2.1 million, which provides unrestricted support for the hospital.

Beth Israel Medical Center and the Blitman family share a special history. Mr. Blitman has been a member of the Board of Trustees since April 1964. Thirty years later, in 1994, the Charles and Bernice Blitman Department of Radiation Oncology was named in honor of his parents. Over the past 13 years, thousands of New Yorkers have benefited from the services provided by the department.

"The Blitman family and their legacy of support has been an important part of Beth Israel's history as well as its future, particularly through the radiation oncology department that bears their family name," says Lawrence S. Huntington, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Beth Israel and its parent company, Continuum Health Partners. "Their generosity over the years has helped ensure that Beth Israel continues to provide the highest quality of care with compassion and concern for each patient, and we are deeply grateful for their support."

During the event, David J. Shulkin, MD, President and CEO of Beth Israel, announced an additional \$500,000 gift from Tokio Marine, the largest insurance company in Japan, to provide further funding for the hospital's Japanese Medical Practice and other Medical Center initiatives. The Japanese Medical Practice was established in 1990, with a \$1 million gift from Tokio Marine to provide medical care to Japanese nationals living in the metro area and those visiting New York City as tourists. The care is provided in a manner that is similar and culturally sensitive to the way medical services are provided in Japan.

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