Breast and ovarian cancers are serious diseases that result from genetic changes (also known as mutations). Some of these changes are found more frequently in the Jewish population as compared to the general population.

Genetic testing can help women and families take the appropriate steps in their cancer treatments. Genetic testing also can allow individuals to take preventive measures to help reduce cancer risk and thus save lives.

If you or a family member has had breast or ovarian cancer, you should feel free to contact your local posek and a trained genetic counselor to discuss the option of genetic testing.

Tziku Lemitzvot,

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