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**TIME FOR LYME PRESENTS EDUCATIONAL FORUM**  
**“LYME DISEASE; YOUR BODY, YOUR BRAIN...”**  
***April 22 Educational Forum to Provide Answers about Lyme***

**Greenwich, CT, March 2010**, Time for Lyme will present an educational forum titled, “Lyme Disease: Your Body, Your Brain...” on Thursday, April 22nd 7:00- 9:00 PM at the Central Middle School, 9 Indian Rock Lane, Greenwich, CT 06830. The forum is presented in cooperation with The Greenwich Department of Health, and Families for Greenwich Hospital and is open to the public at no cost. No reservations are required.

A panel of distinguished professionals will discuss the many manifestations of Lyme Disease and other tick borne diseases, including their physical, neurological, psychological and emotional impact.

The speakers will include Dr. Kenneth Liegner, Dr. Robert Bransfield,, Sandy Berenbaum, LCSW, BCD and Judith G. Leventhal, Ph.D. These experts will discuss symptoms, diagnostic tools and treatment protocols for physical and neurological Lyme symptoms, as well as family, social and school dynamics and advocacy.

A Question & Answer period will follow the presentation. For more information, please visit The Time for Lyme website: [www.timeforlyme.org](http://www.timeforlyme.org) or call 203-969-1333.

**Speakers:**

**Kenneth Liegner, M.D., P.C.**

Introduction to Lyme and other Tick-Borne Diseases (co-infections): Symptoms, Clinical Diagnosis vs. Serological Testing, & Treatment Protocols

Dr. Liegner was born and raised in New York and graduated from Columbia College in New York City and from New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and was trained and certified in Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Liegner has published articles and Letters to the Editor about Lyme disease in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, the New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of Spirochetal and Tick-borne Diseases and the Journal of Clinical Microbiology. He was called to provide expert testimony regarding Lyme disease before the NY State Assembly in 2001. His practice of Internal & Critical Care Medicine and Lyme Borreliosis & Related Disorders has been located in Armonk, New York since 1985.

**Robert Bransfield, MD, DLFAPA**, President, International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS)

The Brain and Tick-Borne Diseases

Dr. Robert Bransfield, President of ILADS (International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society) has a private practice in psychiatry in Red Bank, New Jersey and is Senior Vice President of the NJ Psychiatric Association. Dr. Bransfield is also a member of many medical societies and advocacy organizations. He is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, certified in psychopharmacology, and is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. His expertise in psychopharmacology has provided effective help and relief to tick-borne disease patients for many years.

Dr. Bransfield has an extraordinary understanding of the effect of tick-borne diseases on the brain, has authored publications on this and other topics, and has given comprehensive, in-depth presentations on this topic at ILADS as well as other professional conferences.

**Sandy Berenbaum, LCSW, BCD.**

Beyond the Medical: The Challenges of Living with Lyme Disease

Sandy is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, with a psychotherapy and family therapy practice in CT and NY. She has 19 years of professional experience working with Lyme disease patients and their families. With a deep understanding of the effect of Lyme disease on children and adolescents, she often includes education advocacy in the work she does with families. Sandy has written and spoken extensively on Lyme disease, has been a co-organizer of several Lyme disease conferences, and serves as the Children's and Mental Health Editor of the Lyme Times. She has served as a consultant on various Time for Lyme and Lyme Disease Association projects.

**Judith G. Leventhal, Ph.D.**

Sensory Sensitivities and Cognitive Difficulties in Lyme Disease: Impact on School Performance  
Judith G. Leventhal, Ph.D. is a New York State Licensed Psychologist with specialties in Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology and Family Therapy. She devotes much of her time to exploring the neuropsychological manifestations of Lyme and associated tick-borne diseases in children and adolescents, and their impact on academic and social functioning. Dr. Leventhal has presented her work at numerous professional conferences. She serves on the Board of Directors of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society and is on the Medical Advisory Board of the Lyme Induced Autism Foundation. She maintains a private practice in New York City.

**About Lyme Disease**

*Named for the Connecticut town where the disease first emerged, Lyme disease is caused by the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which generally enters the body through a deer tick bite. Symptoms can range from fever, chills and body aches to joint swelling, weakness, severe fatigue, trouble concentrating and temporary paralysis. Some people infected may have a rash between three to thirty days after infection, however, many do not ever see a rash.*

*Although Lyme disease is most common in the Northeast, it's been found in all 50 states. Those who live, or spend time, in grassy or wooded areas are most at risk. According to the CDC, in 2008 there were 28,921 confirmed cases of Lyme and an additional 6,277 probable cases reported. Yet because many diagnostic tests produce false negatives, it is estimated that the actual number of Lyme disease sufferers could be as high as 200,000—a figure that would make Lyme disease more prevalent in the United States than AIDS or the West Nile Virus.*

*Since 1991, the number of those infected with Lyme disease has doubled. The CDC classifies it as an epidemic.*

**About Time for Lyme**

*Time for Lyme is an organization dedicated to eliminating the devastating effects of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illness. Its mission is to prevent the spread of disease, develop definitive diagnostic tools and effective treatments, and to ultimately find a cure for tick-borne illness by supporting research, education, and the acquisition and dissemination of information. In addition, TFL continues to act as an advocate for Lyme disease sufferers and their families through support of legislative reform on the federal, state and local levels. [www.timeforlyme.org](http://www.timeforlyme.org).*