## Malky's Melody

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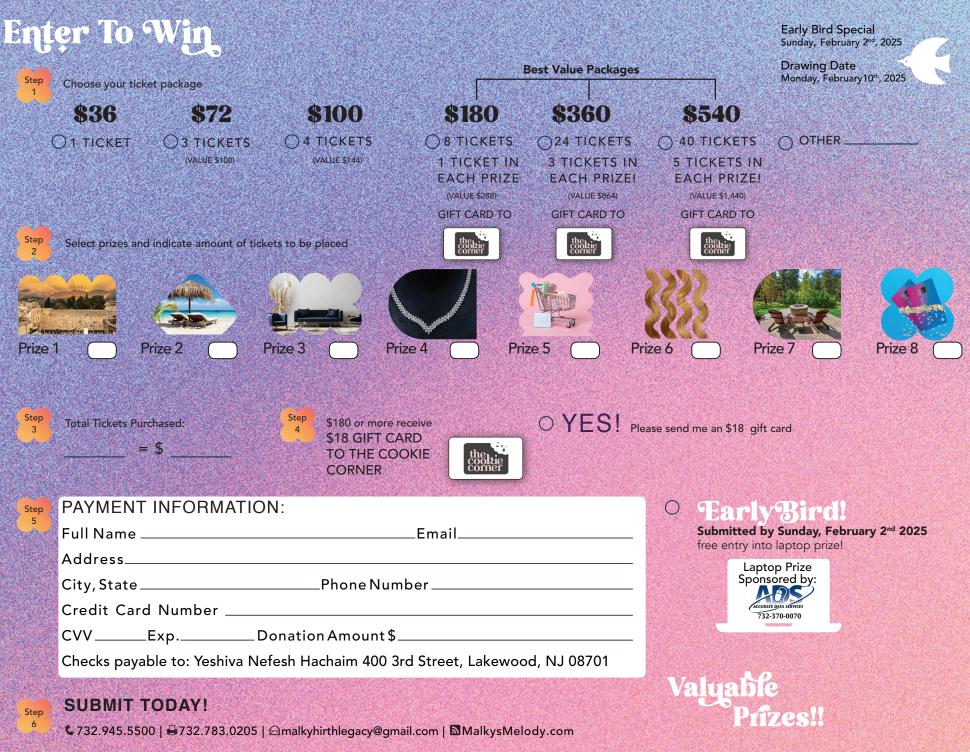


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## About Malky

Malky was synonymous with life, with simchas hachaim, with the joy of being alive. If all you knew about Malky was her illness, it may be a strange thing to hear, but for anyone who knew Malky, it is the most obvious truth about her.

Malky was born on a Friday night, just as her father whispered the last words in Sefer Tehillim: בל הנשמה - תהלל קה, Every life praises Hashem.

At the young age of two, Malky's pure closeness to Hashem was already apparent. "I wish I could be a bird," Malky said to her mother one day while walking outside. "Then I would be able to sing to Hashem all day!"

Malky overflowed with thanks to Hashem, singing songs of gratitude for everything in her life. Thanks for her family, thanks for the sun and the stars, thanks for the trees and the grass. And again and again, thanks to Hashem for her life.

During the five-and-a-half years in which she was treated for Leukemia, Malky's love for Hashem grew to unfathomable proportions. Throughout her long stays at the hospital, her many surgeries and painful medical procedures, Malky continued to raise her voice in joyful singing and dancing, twirling with genuine happiness. She remained full of fun, holding tight to her emuna & bitachon in Hashem and never letting go.

Once, on her way to the emergency room with a rising fever and the onset of yet another infection, Malky turned to her father and said, "I talk to Hashem, I sing to Hashem. I thank Him for my life. Even though I would like it to be different, I know Hashem has a plan for me...the best possible plan."

Her father felt compelled to write down these amazing words as soon as he could. Much later, these words were publicized and became a source of comfort and inspiration for countless others going through their own challenges.

Malky "v spent a short time in this world, yet she impacted so many so deeply. Her life of joy, gratitude and kiddush Hashem continues to inspire us.

Malky... we will carry on your legacy forever.



The proceeds of this Auction will benefit Yeshiva Nefesh Hachaim of Lakewood NJ. Since it's founding in אלול תשס"ח by Malky's father, Rav Shmuel Hirth אליט"א Yeshiva Nefesh Hachaim's Bais Medrash and Mesivta have molded hundreds of Talmidim into exemplary B'nei Torah.

## In Their Words...

On December 10, 2018, two years after Malky's petirah, an extensive interview was conducted at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore MD, with members of Malky's Medical Team.



#### Dr. Donald Small MD PhD

Director Pediatric Oncology at Johns Hopkins Medical Center Baltimore MD. Director of Johns Hopkins/National Cancer Institute Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Fellowship program.



#### Dr. David Loeb MD PhD

Pediatric Hematology Oncology Johns Hopkins Medical Center Baltimore MD and currently Chief, Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Cellular Therapy at Children's Hospital at Montefiore and Professor, of Pediatrics and Professor of, Developmental and Molecular Biology at Montefiore Einstein.

**Colleen Blough MSN RN CPON CHPPN** Senior Outpatient BMT Clinic Nurse Megan Patrycki MSN RN, Inpatient Pediatric Oncology Nurse

Sara Cooper BSN RN Inpatient Pediatric Oncology Nurse Rachel Greene BSN RN Inpatient Pediatric Oncology Nurse

No matter how she was feeling she was always happy.



These are some excerpts from the interview:

#### As the Director of Pediatric Oncology at Hopkins can you share with us your impressions of Malky?

**DR. DONALD SMALL:** To know Malky was to Love Malky... She was way mature beyond her years. She was almost like a little old man living in that body. She had so much wisdom at such an early age...I don't think anyone can ever forget Malky. Malky was full of life. She would be happy despite all the therapies, all the treatments, no matter how she was feeling. She was always happy, never complaining, singing, dancing at times.

### You treated Malky for close to six years. How would you describe that experience?

**DR. DAVID LOEB:** Malka was an extraordinary young woman. I know we often say about our patients that they are "wise beyond their years," but Malka was truly an "old soul." She touched everyone she met in ways that are hard to imagine, considering how young she was... I will miss her and her family terribly, but I am a better person for having known her and for having worked with them.

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#### You've treated many patients, what stands out about Malky? COLLEEN BLOUGH:

She taught lessons of life that people in their 80's couldn't teach.

**SARA COOPER:** Malky was wise beyond her years, and everyone knew it. I've never met another kid like Malky, or even an adult and I don't think I ever will. She was incredible... I aspire to be a person half as good as Malky was. I adore her. I love her with my whole heart and every opportunity that I have, to tell someone about her. I tell them a story about Malky because I just can't believe the person she was and that such an amazing human came in such a tiny little package. She was one of my most favortist people ever and she always will be.

#### What would you say is Malky's Legacy?

**RACHEL GREENE:** Hearing the way that she thanked G-d — thanked Hashem — throughout everything she went through. I mean there are no words... I don't think there are any words you can use to describe it better than she did. I mean hearing that song (Oh Hashem\*) I don't know if anyone has lived before Malky that has had that perspective of Life, and the gift of Life, and how she saw every minute and moment of that life she was given as a GIFT even though it was a life mainly spent in the Hospital.

Her legacy was to live each minute as if it's a gift, to always find beauty in everyone and to reach out to people who are aching for kindness.

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### One night as Malky was laying in bed she took her mother's phone pressed record and started to sing her heart out. This is part of what she sang.

Hashem, please help me fly And soar through the sky. I want to know what everything Is about in Your world,

But sometimes it's dark But I know You're by my side So I'm not scared at all.

l just say Oh thank you Hashem For today.... Oh Hashem, thank you for my life. For everything you planned 'Cause I know you planned the best for me And that, I know, is the best....

The feet, and hands, and nose, and mouth, And eyes to see everything. Thank you for making me look. Thank you for making me talk. Thank you for making me see and smell, And even to feel well.

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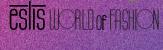
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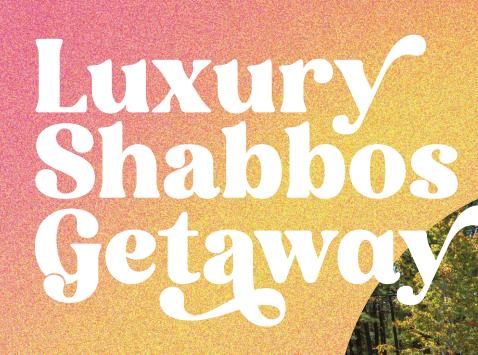
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From the age of three Malky was careful to always say Asher Yatzar with concentration. Her primary nurse Megan Patrycki recalls with amazement Malky's unwavering dedication to make her bracha even in the middle of night.

### You were Malky's primary nurse for many years. Can you tell us something special that you witnessed as you cared for her?

**MEGAN PATRYCKI**: Her faith in G-d was so.... it was amazing to see such a little kid, somebody at such a young age be so dedicated into her faith with G-d. She would daven before doing different things & then she would do her blessings after she used the bathroom.

Even when she was just a kid...like any time even if it was two o'clock in the morning and everybody was just trying to get her back to bed, she would just hold everybody and say, "Wait-wait-wait —" and then she would say her blessings and get back to bed.

## Life...it's a Miracle!

I think every single time that you eat something, you go to the bathroom, you do anything, you blink, you do anything, you should thank Hashem that you're living 'cuz it's a miracle every single minute that you're living.

To hear Malky saying this message, call 732.945.5500 x3 or visit MalkysMelody.com

-Malky

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