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### ***Israman Race Participants Support the RYR-1 Foundation***

**January 16, 2018** - The Israman Race will take place on January 26, 2018 in Eliat, Israel. Three individuals participating in the race will be running to raise money for the RYR-1 Foundation. These individuals include Dr. Jonathan Balcombe, Michael Granoff, and Dr. Efrat Slonim. All proceeds raised will be donated to the RYR-1 Foundation. To support their run, please donate at:

**<https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/israman-participants-support-the-ryr-1-foundation/theyr1foundation>**

“My good friend and work colleague, Dr. Michael Goldberg, founded the RYR-1 Foundation after realizing that almost nothing was known about RYR-1-related myopathy, despite it affecting a significant amount of patients,” said Dr. Balcombe. “Mike, together with his wife, Lindsay, took the courageous decision to create a charity in 2014 dedicated to funding research on RYR-1 and helping those individuals and families who are affected by this condition. The RYR-1 Foundation has funded over \$830,000 in research, which has already led to important breakthroughs for potential therapies.”

“The RYR-1 Foundation is grateful to have the support from such incredibly motivated, altruistic, and philanthropic individuals,” said Michael F. Goldberg, MD, MPH, President of the RYR-1 Foundation. “The RYR-1 community owes Jon, Michael, and Efrat a debt of gratitude for their willingness to help individuals and families who struggle with RYR-1-related myopathy on a daily basis.”

“I am amazed at the determination of Mike and Lindsay Goldberg, who have become a force for good and have demonstrated an unshakable commitment to find a treatment or cure for this previously ignored disease,” said Dr. Balcombe. “We are proud to increase awareness of the RYR-1 Foundation and raise money to further this effort, knowing that ours is the easy part.”

### **About the RYR-1 Foundation**

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based public charity was launched in October 2014 by members of the Goldberg family, who have been affected by RYR-1 muscle disease. It is currently the only organization that exists solely to advocate for and serve the needs of patients with RYR-1 myopathy, the most common cause of congenital myopathy. The mission of the RYR-1 Foundation is to support research leading to effective treatment or a cure for RYR-1 related diseases, to educate physicians about these diseases, and to provide patient/family support and advocacy. The RYR-1 Foundation is a public charity, designated as a 501(c)(3) by the IRS. To learn more about the RYR-1 Foundation, please go to: [www.RYR1.org](http://www.RYR1.org).