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Rabbi Charles Sherman

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In *The Broken and the Whole: Discovering Joy after Heartbreak*, Rabbi Charles Sherman writes about his journey dealing with a severely disabled son and the faith that sustained him.

Since suffering a stroke after surgery to remove a brain tumor at the age of 4 in 1986, Eyal Sherman has not been able to breathe, eat or walk on his own. And yet, Eyal graduated from Syracuse University in 2009 with a degree in fine arts and today is an accomplished artist who paints with a brush in his mouth.

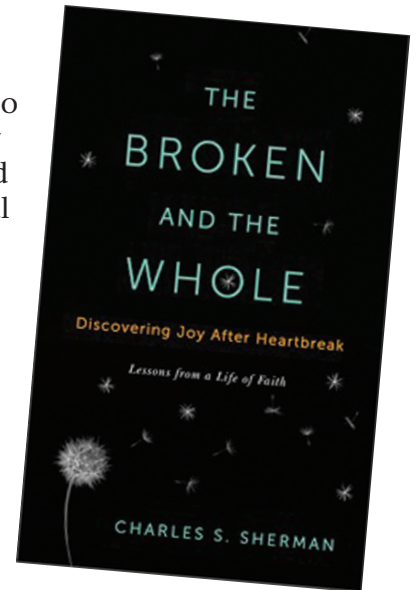
The book describes the relentless physical work of treating Eyal at home, the family's determination to give him a normal life and the way they found joy amid great pain and despair. Sherman explores universal questions about doubt and faith, and the slow, gradual process of

moving from anger to acceptance, from sorrow to joy.

"Some years ago, I began talking publicly about our family story," Rabbi Sherman says. "I was somewhat surprised when people would come up to me afterward and say they related to my journey. And it wasn't just people who had a sick or disabled child. It seems, for all of us, at some point, something unexpected, unwanted comes into our lives. And we all need to find a way to live with it. My hope is that the strategies and coping skills I have learned and continue to learn can help others carry the broken pieces of their lives, with confidence, understanding and sometimes even joy."

With deep insight, refreshing honesty, humor and intelligence, Rabbi Sherman has written an inspirational and affecting meditation on rebuilding your life when everything you've known has been shattered to pieces. Published in March, the book has received early, critical acclaim, and will be available for purchase and/or author signing at the event.

There is no charge to attend.



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