

# Receive a free HOD Society organ donor card!

We prefer you to register on-line at [www.hods.org](http://www.hods.org) instead of using this registration form. If you do not have internet access, then you may fill out this form and fax it to the number below.



## Registration Form (Please consult your rabbi before registering.)

### STEP 1 - Please Print Clearly (PRINTING IS MANDATORY):

First Name:                 Last Name:                 Middle:

Birth Date (MM/DD/YY):   -   -   Blood Type (optional):   Today's Date (MM/DD/YY):   -   -

Gender: M  F  Eye Color:     Height: (feet/inches)  -  Are you a Rabbi? Y  N

Address:                      Apt.

City:                      State:   Zip:

Phone #:    -    -                 Email:

1. Emergency Contact - Family Member/Friend Name:

Home Phone:    -    -     Work or Mobile Phone:    -    -

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**STEP 2** - There is a major Halachic debate concerning the moment death occurs. There are many prominent rabbis that forbid organ donation upon brain-stem death, because they believe death occurs only upon cessation of heartbeat. On the other hand, the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and other prominent rabbis are of the opinion that death occurs upon brain-stem death, even though the heart continues pumping. From a medical perspective, once the heart stops beating, the heart and many other life-saving organs can no longer be donated, whereas organ donation made upon brain-stem death (where the heart is still beating) would allow for the donation of all organs. Please consult with your Rabbi on this issue.

### Please choose one of the following options:

I agree to donate my organs for life-saving transplant only (not for research) provided they are recovered after (one of the following options):

Irreversible cessation of brain-stem function (brain-stem death).

Irreversible cessation of heartbeat.

All preparations for transplant should be done in consultation with a family-appointed Rabbi. All medical procedures must be done with utmost care, respect, and minimum damage to the cadaver.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 3 - Picture:** Sending a picture is optional. If you wish, please email a scanned photograph in jpeg format of your headshot or passport photo to [register@hods.org](mailto:register@hods.org), or alternatively mail the photograph to the address below.

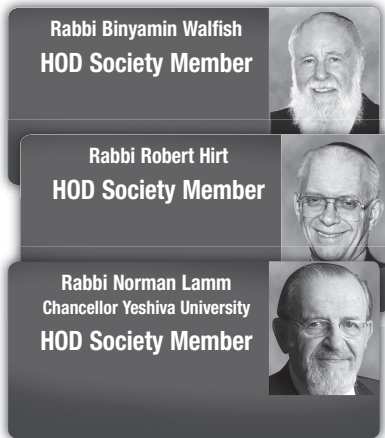
**STEP 4** - Please inform all members of your immediate family of your decision to be an organ donor. Our organ donor card, like other organ donor cards, is not a legal document. Rather it is meant to inform your family and the medical establishment of your wish to be an organ donor. Ultimately, it is your family who makes the decision regardless of your organ donor card.

### STEP 5 - Fax this form to 212-213-9451

The HOD Society, 111 Eighth Avenue – 11th Floor, New York, NY 10011

Phone: 212-213-5087; Fax: 212-213-9451, [WWW.HODS.ORG](http://WWW.HODS.ORG).  
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