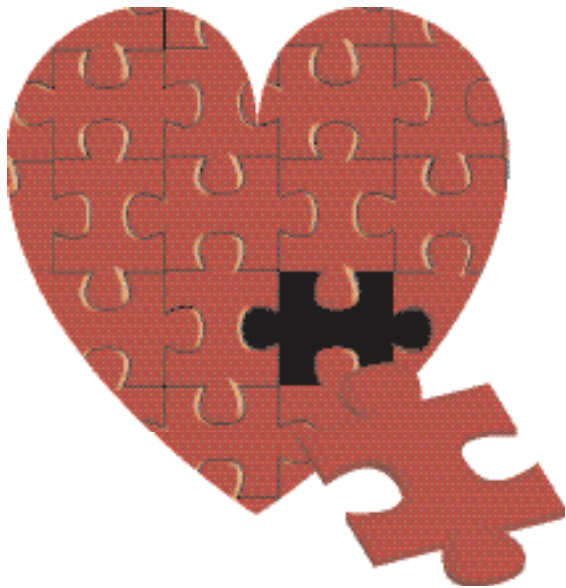


# ORGAN DONATION IN JEWISH LAW

## Free One-Day Seminar



The General Public is Invited!

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## Sunday, May 18, 2008

Yeshivah of Flatbush

1609 Ave J. Brooklyn, NY

10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

### Speakers

**Dr. Michael Harris**

Overview of the Transplant  
Process and Network

**Dr. Joel Cohen**  
Neurologist

Medical Diagnosis of Brain-Stem Death

**Robby Berman, MBA, MPA**  
Founder & Director

Organ Donation & Halacha

Videos

Selected Videos of Rabbinic  
Views on Brain Death

Registration is recommended

**Information & Registration: 212-213-5087 or [admin@hods.org](mailto:admin@hods.org)**

*The University of Massachusetts Medical School, Office of Continuing Education designates this educational activity for a maximum of 4.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits for physicians.*

# **Organ Donation & Halacha**

## ***One-Day Seminar***

**The Halachic Organ Donor Society  
in conjunction with the  
Yeshivah of Flatbush Sunday Morning Learning Program  
invites the public to a one-day seminar on organ donation & *halacha*.**

**9:00 Prayer**

**9:40 Breakfast**

**PART I (10:00-11:15)**

**Sunday Morning Learning (SML) Program for Students, Parents and Public  
Overview of Organ Donation and Halacha**

**10:00-10:20 Preparation of Source Sheet**

**10:20-11:15 Organ Donation, Halacha, Jews and Israelis**

Robby Berman, Founder & Director, Halachic Organ Donor Society

**Part II (11:15-5:00)**

**Seminar open to the public, Flatbush Alumni, Rabbis, Teachers, and Physicians**

**11:30-12:30 Overview of the Transplant Process and Network**

Dr. Michael Harris

**12:30-1:30 Lunch**

**1:30-2:00 Medical Video on Brain-Stem Death**

**2:00- 3:00 Medical Diagnosis of Brain-Stem Death**

Dr. Joel Cohen, Neurologist

**Coffee and Cake**

**3:15- 4:15 Video Interviews with Gdolei Hatorah**

**4:30-5:00 Summary: What Now?**

Robby Berman

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**Date:** Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Time:** 10:00 AM until 5PM

**Lunch:** Available for purchase.

**Cost of Conference:** Free

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How did you hear about the seminar (please be specific)? \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware that by registering for this seminar, my educational stipend is conditional on passing an oral exam at the end of the conference. (Circle one) YES NO

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### **Eligibility for \$100 Grant**

Those persons eligible to receive a \$100 grant for attending the conference must be a congregational rabbi or a teacher in a Jewish high school who teaches halacha, talmud, or ethics. The person must be able to answer the following questions at the end of the seminar. [The answers to these questions may be found in our educational pamphlet available from our office, on our website ([www.hods.org](http://www.hods.org)) and will be taught during the seminar.]

1. What are the 3 biblical prohibitions concerning a cadaver? What commandment overrides these 3 prohibitions?
2. Are Jews *halachichly* allowed to have an autopsy?
3. Does *Halacha* require a Jew to be buried with his/her organs in order to be resurrected from the dead?
4. What is *likut atzmaot* and when in Jewish history was it adopted?
5. What is the medical difference between brain-stem death and coma?
6. What are three medical tests that may be conducted to determine death of the brain-stem?
7. What are the two rabbinic sources that help shed light on the brain-stem death controversy? How are both sources interpreted to reject and accept brain-stem death as *halachic* death?
8. How many people are waiting for organs in Israel and in America and how many people die waiting every year?
9. What is the name of the Israel Transplant Organization?

Please email completed registration form to [admin@hods.org](mailto:admin@hods.org) or fax to 212-213-9451

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