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Israel's New Organ Donor Policies

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Israel is **infamous** ^[1] for having one of the lowest organ-donation rates in the developed world: a paltry 8% of Isra organ donors, compared to roughly 35% in most Western countries. The problem is mainly that many observant (incorrectly) that a body must be buried with all its organs intact.

Yesterday, a Slate article **explored** ^[2] how the Israeli government has gone about trying to encourage donation. In the country gives "slight priority" to people who agree to be donors if and when they themselves are seeking an (makes a bit of intuitive sense, no?)

More quietly, but no less importantly, Israel recently became the first country to compensate organ donors' famili purpose of the rewards—which run to several thousands of dollars—is to "memorialize" the deceased, but who's

The **Halachic Organ Donor Society** ^[3] exists to educate Jews and to encourage Jewish organ donation to Jews ar Maybe it's time to "compensate" them a bit?

Kidney Mitzvah [Slate]

Earlier: Organ Donation's Legality, Jewish and Otherwise ^[1]

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