

## **Ideas for Writing a Paper**

Much of the debate surrounding organ donation in the Orthodox Community stems from the question of when death occurs in Jewish law. Most organs are taken from people who are brain-dead. Many Rabbis believe that since the heart is artificially kept alive then the person is alive, even though the brain is not functioning. They forbid organ donation in this case because they think it would be “killing” the donor.

Other Rabbis think that a brain dead person is dead even though the heart is still beating. You can learn more about this issue throughout the regular website and below we have recommended a few articles and videos. Use them to write a paper on the debate surrounding brain-death.

1. **Brain Death Controversy in Jewish Law, The**

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Author: **Breitowitz, Rabbi Yitzchak**

Publication: **Jewish Action**

Year: **1992, Spring 5752**

HOD Comment: **A clear overview and important responses from R. Tendler and R. Breitowitz**

2. **All Take and No Give**

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Author: **Berkowitz, Adena K.**

Publication: **Moment**

Year: **1995, August**

3. [\*\*Video of Rav Dovid Feinstein\*\*](#)