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## Heart of Jenin

### Video: Does Your Religion Allow Organ Donation?

Most people know where the Catholic Church stands on the question of when life begins. But when does life end? Does the Catholic religion allow the organs of a brain-dead person to be harvested? Can a Jewish person be an organ donor even though the religion says a body must be buried whole? What does the Islamic faith say about organ donation?

WIDE ANGLE asks a rabbi, an imam, a Baptist minister and a Catholic priest (himself an organ recipient) to clarify some of the common misconceptions about what their respective faiths say about organ donation.

Father Edward Luciano, Reverend George Blackwell and Imam Shakur Alif Mustaffa are religious advisers for the [New Jersey Sharing Network](#), an organization that matches organ donors with recipients, and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein is a member of the [Halachic Organ Donor Society](#).