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## Saving Lives



ADI donor card

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## Organ donations set new record

### National Transplant Center says first half of 2011 saw 54% rise in organ donations

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The National Transplant and Organ Donations Center in Israel said Sunday that the first half of 2011 recorded a 54% rise in organ donations, and set a new record of organ transplants.

Between January and May of 2011, 105 lives were saved due to organ donation – 75% of all transplant performed in 2010, which saw a total of 143 organ transplants.

"Each of these cases is one of great sorrow and a humbling sacrifice," said Prof. Rafael Bihar of the Health Ministry. "However, despite this welcome increase, there are still many whose lives depend on the public's good faith.

"We hope the public will continue to heed the call and sign organ donor cards. Whoever saves a life, is considered to have saved an entire world."

"Having an ADI card helps a family going through a difficult time make the decision to save lives," NTC Spokeswoman Dvora Sherer said.

"We see it especially in cases where the transplant coordinator has to approach a family whose loved one was declared brain-dead; as well in the growing number of people who sign ADI cards, thus expressing their wish that their death somehow save lives."

Despite the increase in organ donations, there are still over 1,000 patients on the NTC waiting lists.

**For more information and to sign a donor card, please contact ADI at 1-800-609-610 or click [here](#)**

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### ADI, Reform Movement launch 'book of life' project / Ynetnews

National Transplant and Organ Donations Center joins forces with Reform Movement in order to encourage people to sign organ-donor cards. Ynet, the Hebrew sister-site of Ynetnews, is also contributing to the effort

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