

Organ Donation And Halacha

I applaud the publication of "Organ Donation: Religion and Ethics" (Jewish Press, Nov. 22) written by Rabbi Dr. Moshe Tender. Considering the life-saving urgency of organ donation, it is unfortunate that more rabbis do not write and lecture about the topic. The majority of Orthodox rabbis agree that organ donation is a mitzvah; the only qualifying issue is that the donor be considered dead according to Halacha.

The one-year old Halachic Organ Donor Society was created to educate Jews as to the halachic issues concerning organ donation and to offer HOD Society organ donor cards that allow Jews to choose between different halachic opinions concerning their organ donation. For more information about this issue and to obtain HOD Society organ donor cards, please call 212-213-5087 or access the website www.hods.org.

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