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## LETTERS

### Organ Donations

**T**he Orthodox Union Web site contains a recently posted page with a reprinted letter from a family whose 11-week-old baby is in desperate need of a heart transplant. It reads, "Unfortunately, organ donation is not well publicized, and individuals who are in the unfortunate position to make such a difficult choice are not always aware of their options, or of their ability to save someone else's life."

It is ironic that this comes on the heels of the OU deciding not to take a formal position on the issue of halachic organ donations, as reported in *The Jewish Week* ("New Front in Fight Over Organ Donation," May 14). I would truly hope that the OU does not wish to be perceived as an organization that says it is OK for Jews to receive organs but not donate organs themselves.

The OU is rightly using its Web site for *pikuach nefesh* (saving a person's life) purposes. It should equally use its power and strength to promote halachic organ donations that could be a vehicle in not only saving this one girl's life but many others as well.

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