## **Annual Report - 2017**

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The Halachic Organ Donor Society's mission is to save lives by increasing organ donations from Jews to the general population.

Dear Friends,

One of the joys of preparing an annual report is that it gives us the opportunity to look back and be thankful for all that has been accomplished. The past fiscal year was filled with wonderful opportunities and many challenges. Some of the highlights were:

- HODS enabled a number of Jewish families to donate organs saving dozens of lives.
- HODS representatives delivered 50 lectures on Jewish law and organ donation to groups in USA, Australia, Croatia, Germany, Israel, and South Africa reaching hundreds of people.
- A HODS representative presented at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem to 50 surgeons, nurses, and transplant coordinators at the Department of Anesthesiology about the halachic issues surrounding brain death and organ donation.
- A HODS representative was interviewed about the importance of organ donation on an Australian radio show, a South African radio show, and an Arabic TV news program.
- A HODS representative presented on halachic support for organ donation before an elite unit of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).
- A Non-Profit from India adapted the very effective HODS educational movie on brain death for different dialects in India.
- Many Rabbis from France issued a proclamation forbidding Jews to donate organs. In response
  to the proclamation HODS organized a number of presentations in France, translated our source
  materials and brochures into French, and shipped thousands of them to Paris to be distributed
  to Jewish communities.
- HODS was granted free office space in NYC for the year.

The following is an overview of the Halachic Organ Donor Society's income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Total Revenue: \$491,468

Program Expenses: \$314,287
Administrative Expenses: \$113,617
Fundraising Expenses: \$30,854

Total Expenses: \$458,758

<u>Net Assets</u>: \$46,007

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