

HALACHIC ORGAN DONOR SOCIETY'S LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015

1. There were many success stories. Among our many success stories was a powerful example of a family member of one of HODS members who had been asked to donate his deceased brother's organs. The family member had initially refused, thinking that Jews are not allowed to donate organs. Later, the family member opened his brother's wallet and found his brother's organ donor card from the HOD Society. The family member called the Director of the HOD Society in Israel and after a long conversation, the family member changed his mind. The family member's brother saved 8 lives.
2. HODS redesigned its organ donor card and sent every registrant a request to update their personal information before reissuing the cards. Every card holder was sent the new card with a request for a donation. The response was quite positive.
3. HODS created a unique organ donor card for Australian Jewry to meet with the guidelines of the Sydney Beth Din. Ultimately, Rabbi Moshe Gutnick, the Chief Rabbi of the Sydney Beth Din, and several other Chabad rabbis joined the organization.
4. The major fundraising event for HODS is the annual 5K race held this year in New York City's Central Park on March 1, 2015. It was our 4th annual race. As a result of race participants asking their friends and family to sponsor them in the race, HODS raised over \$82,000. Our race is an event our members look forward to every year and enjoy. Photos from the race are posted on our Facebook page.
5. Every year there is an increase in the number of Orthodox Rabbis and Orthodox Physicians who register for the HODS organ donor card. There are over 200 Rabbis and over 150 Physicians who carry their HODS Organ Donor Card in their wallets.
6. HODS designed and published: (1) a resource package for lectures on brain-stem death and (2) a brochure of prominent rabbis, women leaders, and Jewish physicians who have the HODS organ donor card. HODS designed a new advertisement of New York Orthodox Jewish Physicians who carry organ donor cards which was published in *Jewish Action*, Fall, 2015.

7. HODS announced that HODS was referenced in the *Halakhic Realities: Collected Essays on Brain Death* at the annual board meeting on November 24, 2015 and distributed the collected essays to all Physician Network members.
8. A HODS representative was interviewed on “That’s Life” with Miriam L. Wallach at “Nachum Segal Network” on February 26, 2015.
9. HODS had an information booth at the Chabad Lubavitch Shluchos Resource Fair on February 15, 2015 in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.
10. HODS representatives delivered 54 lectures on Jewish law and organ donation to groups in USA, Hungary, Israel and Mexico reaching hundreds of people. Lectures were given upon invitation to synagogues, schools, yeshivot, seminaries, college campuses, Passover programs, Hillel Houses, and in private homes. There were meetings for physicians in private homes in the New York and New Jersey area to help recruit news doctors to become members of the HODS Physicians Network.
11. A new NGO from India asked for, and received, permission from HODS to use our video explaining brain death in India.
12. HODS was invited again to host an information booth at the Rabbinical Council of America’s Annual Convention in June 2015. HODS representatives attended the conference, staffed a table of HODS literature and distributed flyers. They spoke to many rabbis at the conference. Each year there seems to be more positive interest on the part of Orthodox rabbis to consider the subject of organ donation.
13. LiveOnNY, the local Organ Procurement Organization in NY, continues to use our materials and refer people of Jewish faith to our website.
14. Given that the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) declared November as national organ donor month, HODS sent notices to Rabbis that the Sabbath of *Parshat Terumah* is an appropriate time to speak about organ donation.
15. HODS annually sponsors a Teaneck League Baseball team and a team in the Jerusalem Football League. The HODS Logo is imprinted on the T-shirts. We have had much anecdotal feedback that these teams raise awareness about the organization, its mission and halachic support for organ donation.