



## **HALACHIC ORGAN DONOR SOCIETY'S LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2019**

1. HODS enabled a number of Jewish families to donate organs saving dozens of lives.
2. The major fundraising event for HODS is the annual 5K race held this year in Manhattan, New York on November 17, 2019. It was our 8<sup>th</sup> annual race. As a result of race participants asking their friends and family to sponsor them in the race, HODS raised over \$104,697. Our race is an event our members look forward to every year and enjoy. Photos from the race are posted on our Facebook page.
3. The LiveOnNY Foundation, the local Organ Procurement Organization in NY, gave a grant to HODS to give 5 college/university students in the New York area grants to become student ambassadors for HODS. A HODS Member gave a separate grant for a student in Israel to become the student ambassador for HODS in Israel. The ambassadors created student run clubs at their respective colleges/universities about organ donation. The newspapers at Yeshiva University and Stern College wrote articles about the ambassadors at YU and Stern. All student ambassadors recruited students for the HODS 5K race and organized on-campus lectures on organ donation. The LiveOnNY Foundation continues to use our materials and refer people of Jewish faith to our website.
4. 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 354 Rabbis and 230 Physicians who carry their HODS Organ Donor Card in their wallets.
5. There is an increase of people using our website and material to give medical and ethics presentations.

6. HODS representatives delivered 41 lectures on Jewish law and organ donation to groups in USA, Israel, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom reaching hundreds of people. Lectures were given upon invitation to Limmud conferences, jewish community centers, synagogues, schools, yeshivot, seminaries, college campuses, and in private homes.
7. HODS Explanation of Death video has received more than 80,000 views.
8. HODS was invited again to host an information booth at the Rabbinical Council of America's Annual Convention in May 2019. 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.
9. 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.