

14th International Conference on Jewish Medical Ethics

Toronto, May 18-21, 2023

PROGRAM

Thursday, May 18

4:00-6:00 pm Registration & Check-In
5:30-7:00 pm Dinner
6:45 pm Mincha

7:00 - 9:00 pm **Introductory Plenary Session- The Year in Review**

7:00-7:40 Challenging ethical questions of the past year - Rabbi A. Steinberg MD
7:40-8:20 Covid in perspective - What we did right and what was suboptimal– Rabbi A. Glatt MD
8:20-9:00 MAID and religious liberty – Rabbi S. Brody
9:00 Maariv

Friday, May 19

7:15- 7:45 Shacharit
7:45 - 8:15 Daf Yomi
7:45- 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 11:00 am **Session I- Mental Health**

9:00 – 9:30 Mental health and Halachic observance - Rabbi A. Steinberg MD
9:30-10:00 Substance abuse and addiction in the Orthodox community - Dr Debbie Akerman
10:00-10:30 Addictions: Exploring the recovery process - Dr Michelle Friedman
10:30-11:00 Q & A with the Panel

9:00 11:00 am **Session I - End of Life Ethics**

9:00-10:00 Triage and end of life care - Rabbi A. Glatt MD
10:00-11:00 New frontiers and challenges with organ donation- Rabbi S. Brody

11:30 am - 1:30 pm **Session II- Mental Health**

11:30-12:00 Suicide in Halacha: Myths and facts – Rabbi A. Glatt MD
12:00 -12:30 Suicide: Causes, recognition and prevention strategies -Dr Michelle Friedman
12:30-1:00 Impact of mental health on families - Dr Debbie Akerman
1:00-1:30 Q & A with the Panel

11:30 am - 1:30 pm **Session II- End of Life Ethics**

11:30 –12:30 Can one be weaned from a ventilator? Rabbi A. Steinberg MD
12:30- 1:30 The Halachic Living Will: New approaches - Rabbi S. Brody

1:30 pm Lunch

Friday Evening

- 6:00 Pre- Mincha Shiur -TBA
- 6:45 Plag Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7:45 Shabbat Dinner

9:30 **Oneg Shabbat**
Resilience in the face of adversity - Dr Debbie Akerman

Shabbat, May 20

- 8:00 am Parsha Shiur – Rabbi J. Kelman
- 8:30 am Shacharit - Drasha – Rabbi A. Glatt
- 11:00 am Kiddush

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Session III

- A. Text Based Learning: Respiratory Brain-Death in Halacha- Rabbi A. Steinberg MD
- B. Kissing the Mezuzah: A Medical and Halachic Discussion - Rabbi A. Glatt MD
- C. Preparing for End of Life: Psychological and Religious Barriers - Dr M. Friedman & Rabbi S. Brody

12:30-2:00 Lunch

5:30 – 6:30 pm Session IV

- A. Medical Ethics Vignettes- Medical ethics cases will be presented and discussed by our panelists
Panelists – Rabbi A. Steinberg MD, Rabbi A. Glatt MD
- B. Raising children in today's complex age. -Dr Debbie Ackerman & Dr Michelle Friedman

6:30- 7:30 Session V

- A. Live organ donations in Halacha -- Rabbi A. Steinberg MD,
- B. Living Memorials? The debate over posthumous sperm retrieval - Rabbi S. Brody
- C. Addictions that are hard to talk about; What happens if we shine some light? - Dr Debbie Ackerman
- D. Family Estrangement: Why does it happen and what can we do? – Dr M. Friedman

- 7:30 Mincha
- 8:00 Seudat Shlishit: **Panel Q & A: Anything You Want to Ask the Experts**
- 9:27 Maariv & Havdala
- 10:30 Melave Malka

Sunday, May 21

- 7:30-8:00 Shacharit
- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast

09:00–12:00 pm Session VI – Mental Health in our community

- 9:00 – 9:35 Halachik issues in dealing with elderly parents- Rabbi A. Steinberg MD
- 9:35-10:10 Confronting caregiver stress and elder abuse - Rabbi S. Brody
- 10:10 -10:45 Understanding and responding to trauma- Dr. M Friedman
- 10:50 -11:25 Burned out or fired up: A Jewish response to physician burnout - Rabbi A. Glatt
- 11:25-12:00 How to further reduce the stigma of mental health -Dr D. Akerman
- Adjourn & Check-Out