

14th International Conference on Jewish Medical Ethics Niagara Falls, Canada, 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**

7:00-8:00 Challenging ethical questions of the past year - Rabbi A. Steinberg MD
8:00-9:00 Covid in perspective - What we did right and what was suboptimal– Rabbi A. Glatt MD

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 Halachik 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

11:00-11:30 am Nutrition Break

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

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**
Balancing family life - 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 Parallel Session III

- A. Text Based Learning: – Can one be weaned from a ventilator? - Rabbi A. Steinberg MD
- B. Kissing the Mezuzah: A Medical and Halachic Discussion - Rabbi A. Glatt MD
- C. Preparing for End of Life - Necessary Steps and Obstacles to Taking Them- Dr M. Friedman

12:30-2:00 Lunch

5:30 – 6:30 pm Parallel 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
- B. Raising children in today's complex age. -Dr Debbie Ackerman & Dr Michelle Friedman

6:30- 7:30 Parallel Session V

- A. The Asuta Hospital baby mix up - Rabbi A. Steinberg MD,
- B. Burned out or fired up: A Jewish response to physician burnout - Rabbi A. Glatt
- C. Addictions that are hard to talk about; What happens if we shine some light? - Dr Debbie Ackerman

- 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 Plenary Session – Transgender individuals in our community

- 9:00 – 9:40 Biology and psychology of transgender individuals– Dr. Michelle Friedman
- 9:40- 10:20 Halachik issues for physicians during the conversion process- Rabbi Steinberg MD
- 10:20 -11:00 Transgender individuals in the Jewish community – Rabbi A. Glatt MD
- 11:00 -12:00 Q & A- Panel
- 12:00 Adjourn & Check-Out