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SUNY - Downstate Medical Center  
Chabad Lubavitch of Midtown Manhattan  
present

# The International Conference on Judaism and Contemporary Medicine

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ו' אייר תשס"ה Sunday, May 15th 2005  
The New York Hilton Hotel  
6th Avenue @ 54th Street

## 7:30 am Registration Opens

## 8:00-9:00 am Breakfast

Breakfast Session:  
**Physician Burnout in the Managed Care Era-Video Presentation**  
Rabbi Abraham Twerski, MD – Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

## 9:00-10:45 am Plenary Session One

### Topic: Stem Cell Research

**Objectives:**  
Review of science and medical application of stem cell research

Apply Jewish philosophy and law to address ethical concerns

Speakers: Miriam Feuerman, PhD – Professor, Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, SUNY Downstate

Howard Zucker, MD, PhD – Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Science Technology and Medicine – U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Rabbi Yizchok Breitowitz, JD – Professor of Law, University of Maryland

## 11:00am-12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

### 1. Gender Selection through IVF

**Objectives:**  
Review the science and medical application of IVF to gender selection. Learn fundamentals of Jewish law and philosophy to address ethical concerns

Speakers:  
Adena K. Berkowitz, JD, DHL

Susan Lobel, MD – Director of the In Vitro Fertilization Program at the Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York

Rabbi Yaakov Feitman – Congregation Beis Yehuda Zvi, Cedarhurst, NY

### 2. Healthy Lifestyle Choices

**Objectives:**  
Review of science and medicine associated with healthy life style choices including exercise, preventing cardiovascular disease, obesity and smoking  
Learn basic fundamentals in Jewish tradition regarding preventive medicine and the obligations of the individual patient to maintain health versus the obligation of society to care for such patients

**Speakers:**  
Michael J. Akerman, MD – Associate Professor of Medicine – SUNY Downstate Medical Center  
Alfred Soffer, MD – Professor of Cardiology, Chicago Medical School; Former Director, American College of Chest Physicians; Physician in Charge, FBI Midwest Center

Jason Lazar, MD – Professor and Director of Non-Invasive Cardiology – SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Velvl Greene, PhD – Carlin Professor Emeritus of Public Health and Epidemiology at Ben Gurion University Medical School

Rabbi J Immanuel Schochet, PhD – Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Humber College, Toronto

### 3. Nuclear Biological and Chemical Terrorism Objectives:

Review of politics, science and medicine associated with individual and community health protection and triage

Learn ethical fundamentals in Jewish tradition used to address these issues

**Speakers:**  
Angelo Aiquista, MD – former Medical Director, of the NYC Office of Emergency Management and author of "The Survival Guide – What To Do in a Biological, Chemical, or Nuclear Emergency"

Sam Benson, Director of Health & Medical Preparedness, NY City Office of Emergency & Management

Avraham Steinberg, MD – Professor and Director of The Center for Medical Ethics at Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem

### 4. Sexuality and Judaism

**Objectives:**  
Review of practice of marital therapy and the use of medications

Learn ethical fundamentals in Jewish tradition regarding sexuality

**Speakers:**  
Steven Friedman, PhD – Professor of Psychology, SUNY Downstate

Rabbi Avraham Blumenkrantz – Author of "Gefen Poriah" (Book on Marital Relationships)

## 12:30-2:30 pm Luncheon Program

**Chair** – Velvl Greene, PhD  
**Welcome** – Moshe Akerman, MD

**Remarks** – Robert Jacobs, MD  
**Tribute to Rabbi Moshe D. Tendler, PhD** – Fred Rosner, MD

**Keynote Speaker** – "Jewish Law in a Changing World" Rabbi Moshe D. Tendler, PhD

## 2:45-4:30 pm Plenary Session 2

**Faith and Recovery Objectives:**  
Overview of the scientific evidence regarding prayer, faith and coherent religious practice on positive health outcome

Review sources in Jewish law and Kaballah regarding prayer, faith and good health

**Speakers:**  
Bernie S. Siegel, MD – Founder of EcaP, Exceptional Cancer Patients and author of "Love, Medicine and Miracles" and "How to Live Between Office Visits"

Richard Sloan, PhD – Professor of Behavioral Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University

Rabbi J Immanuel Schochet – Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Humber College, Toronto

## Coffee Break

## 4:30-6:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

### 1. Transplantation Issues

**Objectives:**  
Review of politics, business, science and medicine associated with transplantation  
Learn ethical fundamentals in Jewish tradition

**Speakers:**  
Eli Friedman, MD – Distinguished Teaching Professor of Medicine and Chief, Div. of Renal Disease – SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Amy Friedman, MD – Associate Professor of Surgery and Co-Director of Division of Transplantation – Yale University School of Medicine

Avraham Steinberg, MD – Professor and Director of The Center for Medical Ethics at the Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem

### 2. Physician Malpractice Issues

**Objectives:**  
Present an overview of American law regarding alleged physician malpractice, negligence, and mal outcome  
Learn fundamental definitions in Jewish tradition of physician malpractice and the Jewish legal approach to addressing physician malpractice

**Speakers:**  
NY State Senator Carl Kruger (D-Brooklyn)  
NY State Assemblyman Richard N. Gottfried (D-Manhattan) Chair of the Health Committee, NYS Assembly

Rabbi Yizchok Irving Breitowitz, JD – Professor of Law, University of Maryland

Rabbi Shlomo Yaffe – Rosh Hakollel and Scholar-in-Residence - Chabad Lubavitch of Midtown Manhattan  
Cong. Agudath Achim, West Hartford

### 3. Caring for the Uninsured

**Objectives:**  
Review of medical insurance coverage and provision of health care utilization and services in the United States

Jewish legal and philosophical approach to communal responsibility and provision of medical care

**Speakers:**  
Robert Jacobs, MD – CEO and Senior Vice President, SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Rabbi Richard Weiss, MD – Rabbi, West Side Jewish Center, NY, NY

### 4. End of Life Issues

**Objectives:**  
Discussion of the issues raised by the case of Terri Schiavo  
The Jewish legal and philosophic approach to these issues

**Speakers:**  
Judith C. Aronheim, MD – Chief, Division of Geriatrics, Visiting Professor of Medicine – SUNY Downstate Medical Center

**5. Medical Student Open Forum Objectives:**  
Discussion of ethical conflicts faced by Medical Students

Options for resolution in Jewish Law and Philosophy

**Speakers:**  
Yitzhak Kupfer, MD – Director of Pulmonary Fellowship, Research and MICU at the Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York

Velvl Greene, PhD – Former Director, Lord Jacobovitz Center for Jewish Medical Ethics at Ben Gurion University Medical School, Beer Sheva, Israel

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