

11th International Conference on Jewish Medical Ethics

Saratoga Springs, New York, May 23-26, 2019

PROGRAM

Thursday, May 23

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 Medical Ethics- Monotheistic Religions vs Secular Approach- Rabbi A. Steinberg MD
8:00-9:00 What a Year it was! Advances & Ethical Conundrums - Rabbi E. Reichman MD

Friday, May 24

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

9:00 - 11:00 am **Parallel Session I**

A. Mazel Tov! It's a boy! Cutting Edge Issues in Preparing for the Simcha

9:00 – 10:00 Current issues and controversies in Brit Milah- Rabbi A. Steinberg MD
10:00-11:00 Pidyon Haben in the 21st century – Rabbi E. Reichman MD

B. Psychological Issues Impacting the Community

9:00-10:00 Whistleblowing: Religious & Secular Challenges – Rabbi S. Weissmann
10:00-11:00 Bringing Mental Health Empowerment to our Community – Leanne Matlow

11:00-11:30 am Nutrition Break

11:30 am - 1:30 pm **Parallel Session II**

A. Medical Ethics from Hollywood

11:30-1:30 Videos from TV and media depicting medical ethics cases will be presented and discussed by our panelists
Panelists – Rabbi A. Steinberg MD, Rabbi E. Reichman MD

B. Practical Suggestions for Real World Issues

11:30-12:30 Estate Planning & Halacha - Rabbi S. Weissmann
12:30 -1:30 Building Resilience in Modern Times- Leanne Matlow

1:30 pm Lunch
2:15 pm Mincha

Friday Evening

6:15-7:15 Great Debates in Jewish Medical Ethics – Rabbi E. Reichman MD

7:15 Kabbalat Shabbat

8:00 Shabbat Dinner & Oneg Shabbat – The Agunah Problem & Its Solutions- Rabbi S. Weissmann

Shabbat, May 25

8:00 am Parsha Shiur – Rabbi J. Kelman

8:30 am Shacharit - Drasha – Rabbi S. Weissmann

11:00 am Kiddush

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Parallel Session III

A. Text Based Learning: Taking Medications, Vitamins and Exercise on Shabbat – Rabbi A. Steinberg MD

B. Collecting the Dream: The How & Why of the World's Largest Theodor Herzl Collection- David Matlow

C. Interesting Cases from the Beit Din - Rabbi S. Weissmann

12:30-2:00 Lunch

2:00 Mincha

5:30 – 6:15 pm Parallel Session IV

A. Dementia & Halacha - Rabbi A. Steinberg MD

B. Coping with Mental Health Crises - Leanne Matlow

6:15-7:00 Parallel Session V

A. Bioethics Committee: Posthumous Reproduction- Rabbi E. Reichman MD

B. Litigating in Secular Court – Rabbi S. Weissmann

7:00- 8:00 Plenary Session

The Vaccination Crisis: Community Responsibilities and Public Policies

Panel Discussion

8:00-9:30 Seudat Shlishit: **Panel Q & A: Anything You Want to Ask the Experts**

9:30 Maariv & Havdala

10:30 Melave Malka

Sunday, May 26

7:30-8:00 Shacharit

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

09:00 – 12:30 pm Plenary Session –

The Marvels of Genetics: Genes for Chesed & Cancer

9:00 – 10:00 Biological & Spiritual Epigenetics: Controlling Human Behaviour - Dr J. Loike

10:00- 10:30 Panel Discussion: Dr Loike, Rabbi Steinberg MD, Rabbi Weissmann, L. Matlow

10:30- 10:45 Break

10:45 -11:20 Halachik Aspects of Commercial DNA testing – Dr J. Loike

11:20 -11:55 BRCA gene: Medical issues- Dr. E. Warner MD

11:55 -12:30 BRCA screening: Halachik issues- Rabbi A. Steinberg MD

12:30 Adjourn & Check-Out