

Birkat HaTzibur – November 13, 2010

We are grateful for the gift of life.

In Pirkei Avot we learn from our sages that someone who says “what’s mine is yours and what’s yours is yours” is a chasid. Perhaps then someone who says, of donating life-giving organs, “what’s mine is yours after I don’t need it any longer” is a Tzadik, a righteous person.

On this National Donor Sabbath:

May those who are in need of life-saving gifts be blessed with refuat hanefesh u’refuat haguf – with healing of body and healing of soul – with the strength to carry on, often for years without vital organs, and may they be supported by beloved family and community;

May those with the opportunity to give the gift of life – either in life or in death – be blessed with the awareness and courage to make the best decision for themselves and for others;

May those who have already chosen to give the gift of life be blessed with refuah shlema – complete healing – and to you we offer our gratitude for performing such a selfless mitzvah;

And let us say: Amen.

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Blessing theme: Gift of human organs for life