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Promoting Jewish Medical Awareness in Winnipeg

The Chabad-Lubavitch Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) will present *Life in the Balance: Jewish Perspectives on Everyday Medical Dilemmas* the institute's new six-session Fall course that will begin on Tuesday, October 29, 2013.

Rabbi Shmuly Altein of Chabad-Lubavitch will conduct the six course sessions at 7:30 pm on Tuesday evenings at the Jewish Learning Centre in River Heights. The course fee is \$79.00 and includes a beautiful student textbook.

"Nowadays, at some point or another, everyone faces an extremely difficult medical decision that they aren't equipped to handle," said Rabbi Zalman Abraham of JLI's headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. "Our objective with this course is to acquaint the public with fascinating Jewish perspectives on some of the most cutting-edge dilemmas in medical ethics."

In *Life in the Balance*, participants will ponder ethical questions about a range of topics ranging from end of life issues to preventive measures and respect due to the body after death. Questions include: Must we prolong life at the expense of immense suffering? Should we legalize compensation for organs to save the lives of those on the transplant list? And where do we draw the line between keen vigilance to safeguard one's health and pointless panic? The course will also explore ethical ramifications of fascinating new technologies such as digital autopsies, and uterine transplants.

"These important issues are critical to so many people's lives yet they are rarely discussed nowadays," said Rabbi Shmuly Altein, the local JLI instructor. "This is a unique opportunity that will benefit the wider community of Winnipeg, and we invite everyone to attend."



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Like all JLI programs, Life in the Balance is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. The course is accredited to offer CME credits for medical professionals. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship.

Interested students may call 204-339-8737 or visit www.ChabadWinnipeg.org for registration and other course-related information.

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Motivated by a profound love for every Jew and spurred by a boundless optimism, Chabad-Lubavitch touches and enriches the lives of young and old, professionals and laypeople, the affiliated and the non-affiliated, immigrants and long-time citizens, regardless of background, affiliation, or level of commitment.

The Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), the adult education arm of Chabad-Lubavitch and a partner agency of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, was created in 2008 to address the growing need for in-depth Jewish knowledge. JLI aims at changing the way people feel about being Jewish through learning and discovery.

As the pre-eminent provider of adult Jewish learning in Winnipeg, JLI's mission is to make the wisdom of Jewish learning accessible to everyone. "The Jewish Learning Institute allows you to explore basic Jewish ideas, to share critical analysis and interactive discussion with exciting instructors and classmates," said Mr. David Chochinov, chairman of the local JLI committee.



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