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A Young Boy and an Older Man

By Lauren Finkelstein

Two people are dying and you might be the difference between life and death. The first is a young little boy with Tay-Sachs; the second life is for a Rabbi who desperately needs kidney and pancreas organ transplants.

Read on and then you decide if you might be the only who can save the life. Maybe, just maybe, by fighting for this person as if the life were your own, you can make a difference.

In this week's article, we share the information that we have about these two individuals; it's up to each of you to decide what you want to do with the information. Only you know what resonates as the truth within your own heart and soul and what course of action you should take.

The first life to save is of a young boy, Dylan James "DJ" Manning. He is a 20 month old little boy who suffers from Tay-Sachs disease, a terminal metabolic (degenerative) disorder with a life expectancy of 2-5 years. This lysosomal storage disease attacks the Central Nervous System resulting in blindness, deafness, retardation, paralysis, and ultimately... DEATH! There is no cure!

DJ is his parent's little angel who believe he was sent from G-d. Dylan is one of five pregnancies (4 unsuccessful). When he was born, the family was so ecstatic to finally have a healthy baby boy to call their own! His parents, now, are on a mission to find a cure for Dylan! They will do whatever it takes to make him well and to fight this horrific disease. DJ needs to find a pharmaceutical company and a group of scientists willing to develop the HEX-A gene in order to receive FDA approval and grants to perform gene replacement therapy.

It is the family's sole intent to find scientists who are willing to conduct the research and to "Make Dylan's Dream Come True" in his lifetime, not the next generation's to find a cure for this disease. Time is not on Dylan's side and he can't wait! Dylan's life is far too precious to even think about losing him.

Can you help keep Dylan Alive? Can you be the difference between life and death for Dylan? Only you know that answer. So if you answered yes, please contact the family at: Sherri and Brian Manning, [redacted]

[redacted] (484) 614-1758. E-mail Dylan at: BabyDJ@djsfoundation.org, Sherri at: pittfan94@comcast.net, Brian at: brimanning@comcast.net



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And do what you can to save this little angel's life.

The second life we are helping to save this week is for a 55 year-old rabbi, a father, a husband, a life. The rabbi is waiting for a liver and a pancreas. I spoke to the rabbi on the phone, he believes his demise might be close since it's so hard to find organ donors. Then, on top of it, the mounting bills and expenses associated with such a condition are huge.

Imagine the pain, the fear, the vulnerability of wait-

ing for an organ donor! Life is tough enough but then to add this onto the daily struggles of life. I often hear in Rebbetzin Jungreise's class that we should feel the pain of other people, it's like developing a muscle, to cry for someone who is in pain. Can we cry for this rabbi who's dedicated his life to public service to helping others - now it turn can we help this rabbi?

This is a very expensive procedure, and funds are being collected to cover the cost which is not covered by insurance. If you can be of any assistance or require additional information, please contact Moshe or Dina at 203-336-3929.

To make a donation, please make checks payable to: Congregation Adat Yisrael Special Account for Kidney c/o Michael Winokur, CPA, 1925 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06825. All donations are appreciated and are tax deductible.

Two lives to save -- can we do it? Do we put down this paper, forget about these two lives, or do we pick up the phone, network to help save a life, write a check. Don't think the next guy will help save a life -- these lives might be completely relying on your action to keep them alive.

Get up, stand up, save a life. Save 1 Person. Save The Word (www.saveoneperson.org). In an attempt, to keep track of our success stories please cc us on all e-mails to individual in needs of help and if you make any donations in the future to any causes, etc. please let us know at: save1person@aol.com