

**“HALACHIC CHALLENGES OF THE ORTHODOX JEWISH HEALTHCARE CHAPLAIN”**

**With**

**Harav Mordechai Willig, Shlita, and Rabbi Dr. Aaron Glatt, MD**

**For**

**Chaplains, Rabbis, Rebbetzins and Healthcare Professionals**

**Held via Zoom**

**June 13, 2023 -Sivan 24, 5783**

**Program to begin at 12:00 Eastern Time**

**Rabbi Yehuda Blank and Rabbi Doniel Kramer, Co-Chairmen**

**This seminar is dedicated to the memory of  
Rabbi David Keehn- Rav Dovid Yitzchak, zt”l, ben Akiva Yehuda, yb”l  
Healthcare Chaplain and Humanitarian Par Excellence.**



**Rabbi Keehn is survived by his wife Andrea, his wonderful children, siblings,  
each patient with whom he ever spoke, and every student he inspired.  
May he be a meilitz yoshar for his wife, family and Klal Yisrael.**

**(See below for the biography of Rabbi Keehn)**

**PROGRAM**

**Introduction by the Moderator, Rabbi Yehuda (Leonard) Blank, MS, BCC  
Vice President of Professional Development and External Affairs  
and the Chair of the RAA Chaplaincy Commission**

**We begin this seminar with the recitation of Tehillim, keeping in mind the desire of Rabbi Leo Dee  
for Klal Yisrael to have achdus. Am Yisrael Chai, Chaveirim Kol Yisrael and Shalom Al Yisrael.**

**Rabbi Simcha Silverman will be reciting  
Chapter 133 of Tehillim.**

**Rabbi Silverman will be representing  
the Rabbinical Alliance of America Chaplaincy  
Commission. He is a (BCC) Board Certified  
Chaplain. Rabbi Silverman is the director of  
Chaplaincy Services at Lenox Hill Hospital in  
New York City and the Rabbi of Etz Chaim of  
Flatbush.**

**Rabbi David Glicksman will be reciting  
Chapter 122 of Tehillim.**

**Rabbi Glicksman will be representing  
the Rabbinical Council of America Chaplaincy  
commission. He is a (BCC) Board Certified  
Chaplain. He is a Chaplain at the Jewish  
Federation of Greater Metrowest New Jersey  
and Diplomate Supervisor of CPSP.**

## **THE IMPACT OF ORTHODOX JEWISH HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINS**

**by Rabbi Doniel Kramer, PhD, BCC  
Chair of the Rabbinical Council of America  
Chaplaincy Commission and Administrator of the Orthodox  
Jewish Healthcare Chaplains Listserve**

### **Question and Answers by Rav Mordechai Willig, shlita and Rabbi Dr. Glatt, MD**

**Rav Willig, shlita is available for important shailos and can be reached at 917 783 4726.  
Rabbi Dr. Glatt is available for important shailos and can be reached at [aglattmd@gmail.com](mailto:aglattmd@gmail.com) .**

#### **Biography of Rav Mordechai Willig, shlita**

**Rabbi Mordechai I. Willig is the Av Beth Din of the Beth Din of America. He also serves as the Rabbi Dr. Sol Roth Professor of Talmud and Contemporary Halachah and Segan Rosh Kollel of the Bella and Harry Wexner Kollel Elyon, Kollel L'Horah Yadin Yadin, at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. Since 1974, Rabbi Willig has been the rabbi of the Young Israel of Riverdale in Riverdale, New York. He is the author of the four volumes Am Mordechai series. He has written many articles in Torah scholarship journals. He was appointed as Rosh Yeshiva at the Mazer School of Talmudic studies at Yeshiva University. He is the Chairman of the Vaad Halachah of the National Council of Young Israel. He conducts a monthly conference call with Young Israel rabbanim to answer shailos they are encountering in the field. Rabbanim ask practical halacha and hashkafa questions from all four chelkei Shulchan Aruch and Rabbi Willig prepares responses assiduously.**

#### **Biography of Rabbi Dr. Aaron Glatt, MD**

Rabbi Aaron E. Glatt, MD is the Associate Rabbi at the Young Israel of Woodmere. He has been giving a Daf Yomi shiur for over 30 years (available on YUTorah) and gives a weekly gemara be'iyun shiur, daily halacha shiurim including a daily on-line Dirshu Mishnah Brurah Yomi shiur (all 6 volumes are available online at OUTorah or on a data stick from the OU). An international lecturer on medical and halachic issues, Rabbi Dr. Glatt has authored two seforim through ArtScroll: *Visiting the Sick* and *Women in the Talmud* and is the Director of the Medical Halacha Commission of the Rabbinical Alliance of America. Rabbi Dr. Glatt has been recognized by Jewish communities throughout the world for his expertise in navigating Covid.

Board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, Rabbi Dr. Glatt is Chairman of Medicine and Chief of Infectious Diseases / Hospital Epidemiologist at Mount Sinai South Nassau, and a full Professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. A spokesperson for the Infectious Diseases Society of America, he recently received the prestigious 2020 NY American College of Physicians Laureate Award, was named a Master of the American College of Physicians and was the recipient of a CDC's Center for Global Health's Excellence in Partnership Award.

### **Biography of Rabbi David Keehn- Rav Dovid Yitzchok, zt"l, ben Akiva Yehuda, yb"l**

Rabbi David Keehn, 54, was known to all as the chaplain of Queens. Rabbi Keehn left an indelible mark on young and old, lecturing to school children and helping the hospital-bound for 23 years at New York-Presbyterian Queens (Booth Memorial) as their Jewish chaplain and director of pastoral care, and as the hospital rabbi at NYU Langone's Manhattan campus since 2017. Although legally blind, Rabbi Keehn overcame hurdles to be the light and guide to so many. Rabbi Keehn was known to help families during their time of need, ministering to patients, families, and staff across the Jewish spectrum, and to people of all faiths. He developed relationships with the leading rabbis in the community as well as with clergy. Rabbi Keehn was dedicated to Congregation Ahavas Yisrael, the Young Israel of Kew Garden Hills, Vaad Harabonim of Queens and was deeply involved in many community groups, including serving on the Queens Community Council, where he was a former president and vice president, and a member of the Rabbinical Council of America Chaplaincy Commission, and a member of the Rabbinical Alliance of America Chaplaincy Commission. Rabbi Keehn was the recipient of the prestigious Rabbinical Council of America Healthcare Chaplain of the Year award received at the RCA conference in 2019. He was sought upon for his advice from many rabbis. Chaplains of diverse faiths sought his advice and expertise, and he was respected and looked upon as a wonderful role model. The impact he made on all fronts is still felt today as is his loss for humanity. He was truly a good will ambassador with whom men, women and children of all ages could relate to from all backgrounds. He was truly an ambassador of Hashem and of Klal Yisrael.  
(The above is partially from the Queens Jewish Link)

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**On behalf of Rabbi Kramer and myself, the RCA, the RAA and the NCYI we are happy you were able to join us for this seminar. The video recording of this seminar will be made available by the RCA, RAA and NCYI.**