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Subject: Fwd: Prioritizing covid-19 immunizations
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From: **David Saltzman** <rabsaltz@gmail.com>
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From: **Aviva Berg** <rabbivivaberg@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 25, 2020 at 1:25 PM
Subject: Re: Prioritizing covid-19 immunizations
To: <RAVNET@listserv.rabbinicalassembly.org>

Larry,

The following abstract and commentary on a recent article on the ethics of prioritizing the Covid-19 vaccination (together with the article itself) from a physician's at Mayo Clinic may also be helpful to you and the world.

<https://www.reliasmedia.com/articles/147044-ethical-issues-affecting-covid-19-vaccination>

Aviva Berg

On Nov 25, 2020, at 1:12 PM, Rabbi Yoskowitz
<rabbi.yoskowitz@GMAIL.COM> wrote:

Hi Larry,

Have you seen the ACIP's statement of ethical principles that was published earlier this week?

[The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Ethical Principles for Allocating Initial Supplies of COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, 2020 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)

For recent jewish sources, you could also see the papers published by our colleagues Elliot Dorff and Danny Necins this past year, as well as the article that they were responding to regarding allocation of scarce resources in a time of pandemic. I use all of them in my Jewish Medical Ethics class, so will happily

share them if you would like PDF copies.

L'Shalom,
Jeremy

On Wed, Nov 25, 2020 at 12:57 PM Larry Pinsker <ravpinsker12@gmail.com> wrote:

Chevra,

I've been asked for Jewish sources to contribute to a medical society's deliberations on how to distribute covid-19 vaccinations ethically as they become available. Any & all resources, historical precedents, comparisons, etc. are welcomed. The physicians making the request placed first line respondents in the #1 spot for "logical reasons" but I suggested that it was not only a logical but also an ethical prioritization for them to be at the head of the line. After that the political & cultural hierarchy muddies rapidly. That is where help is sought.

A very safe & healthy Thanksgiving to all.

Todah me'rosh,

Larry Pinsker
Baltimore

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