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¹ This piece is in response to a piece by J. David Bleich ("The Jewish Entailments of Life." *Sh'ma* 21/401) whom he critiques as overly committed to devoted funds and energy to the prolonging of life through medical research and who fails in his mind to recognize that "Preservation of life is certainly a crucial goal of society, but it cannot legitimately replace all."

² In addition to the print sources below- Yeshiva University's www.yutorah.org has a number of informative lectures on various topics in Jewish Law- its selection of lectures on Medical Ethics is particularly good- and has lectures from many of the leading *poskim* on these matters. These lectures include:

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