Judiasm, Science and Medicine Group
Annual Conference
“Health, Mortality, and Morality: Jewish Perspectives”

February 21-22, 2016
Embassy Suites Hotel
4415 E. Paradise Village Parkway S.
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Sunday, February 21

12:00 - 1:00   Lunch
1:15 - 1:30 pm  Welcome
George Justice, Dean of Humanities (Arizona State University)
Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Arizona State University)

1:30 - 3:30 pm  End-of-Life and America Today: Science, Religion, and Culture
Robert Burt (Yale University)
“Can the Bible Be Our Guide?: The Lessons from Job”
Jonathan K. Crane (Emory University)
Paul Wolpe (Emory University)
“Eyes Undimmed and Vigor Unabated: A Jewish Reflection on the Anti-Aging Movement.”

Chair and Respondent: David Shatz (Yeshiva University)

3:30 - 4:00 pm  Break
4:00 - 6:00 pm  Jewish Law and the End of Human Life
Rabbi Jason Weiner (Cedar Sinai, Los Angeles)
“Perpetuating Life Artificially: Respirators and the End of Life”
Saul Berman (Yeshiva University)
“Jewish Law Alternatives in the Contemporary Debate on End-of-Life Care”
Richard Address (Union of Reform Judaism-New York)
“Jewish Ritual and the End-of-Life Conundrums”

Chair and Respondent: Carl Feit (Yeshiva University)

Dinner 6:15- 7:00
7:15 - 8:30 pm  Keynote Address
Elliot Dorff (American Jewish University)
“Dying in the Age of Advanced Medicine: Should Doctors Intervene?”

Monday, October 27

8:00 - 8:30 am  Breakfast
8:30 - 10:00 am  Jewish Medical Ethics: Liberal Approaches
Rabbi David Teutch (Reconstructionist Rabbinical Seminary)
“Preserving Quality of Life toward the End of Life: A Value-Based Approach”
William Cutter (Hebrew Union College-Los Angeles)
“What I have Learned from Dying”?

Chair and Respondent: Philip Cohen (Temple Israel, West Lafayette, Indiana)

10:45 - 10:15 Coffee Break

11:00 am - 12:30 Jewish Doctors Face Patients: American and Israeli Health Care Systems
Alan Astrow (Maimonides Hospital)
“A Jewish Oncologist Confronts Mortality: Experiences and Reflections.”
Judith Engelman (Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ)
“Resilience: Facing Terminal Illness”
Batsheva Ziff Werman (Neveh Zedek Hospital)
“End-of Life Decisions: Secular vs. Orthodox Jews in Israel”

Chair and Respondent: Michael Schwartz (Texas A & M Health Science Center College of Medicine)

12:30 - 1:15 pm Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 pm End of Life and Pastoral Care
Michelle Friedman (Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School)
“‘This Is Hard to Talk About’: Preparing Orthodox Rabbis for End of Life Situations.”
Naomi Kalish (Columbia University)
“Moral Decision-Making at the End of Life: A Jewish Chaplain’s Perspective.”
Joel Kushner (HUC-Los Angeles)
“End of Life Care: Balancing the Needs of Patient, Family, and Staff.”

Chair and Respondent: Joel Ziff (Cambridge College)

3:15 Departure