

## **INCOMPATIBLE BLOOD TYPES IN KIDNEY DONATION**

*Dear Editor,*

Thank you so much for publishing a great article regarding a procedure that allows people to receive kidney transplants from incompatible blood types. For those who are in need of a kidney, this article was very informative.

This past December, my nephew donated a kidney to someone with an incompatible blood type. My nephew's blood type was AB and the recipient's was B. Usually, blood type AB can only donate to someone else who is blood type AB. However, because of the incompatible blood type program at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, my nephew was able to donate a kidney to his recipient and, *boruch Hashem*, it was a big success. The kidney recipient's creatinine level was 5 before the transplant and eventually went down to .08. With Hashem's help, of course.

I donated a kidney in 2005 and my brother donated a kidney in 2007. My nephew became the third family member to donate a kidney. I wish it would be possible to donate another one. Many kidney donors I am in touch with feel the same way.

May all those in need of a kidney get one soon.

Thank you, *Yated Ne'eman*, for all the great and timely articles you publish that inform, inspire and help many, *begashmiyus uberuchniyus*.

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