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RITALIN

AND OTHER COGNITIVE ENHANCERS: WHAT DOES JUDAISM SAY?

A PUBLIC FORUM

The exponential increase in the apparent incidence of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children and adolescents during the past two decades has been accompanied by a corresponding increase in the prescription rate of Ritalin, an amphetamine-like cognitive enhancing drug used to treat ADHD. Controversy surrounds what many believe to be overdiagnosis, related disorders and overprescription of treatments. Underlying this controversy are ethical concerns related to the use of mind-altering drugs during the peak period of human brain development and the possibility that in some cases Ritalin is used to impose social control on normal lively children who are unable to resist coercion or give informed consent. In this forum a panel of experts will discuss the Jewish perspective on the ethics of Ritalin and other cognitive enhancers.

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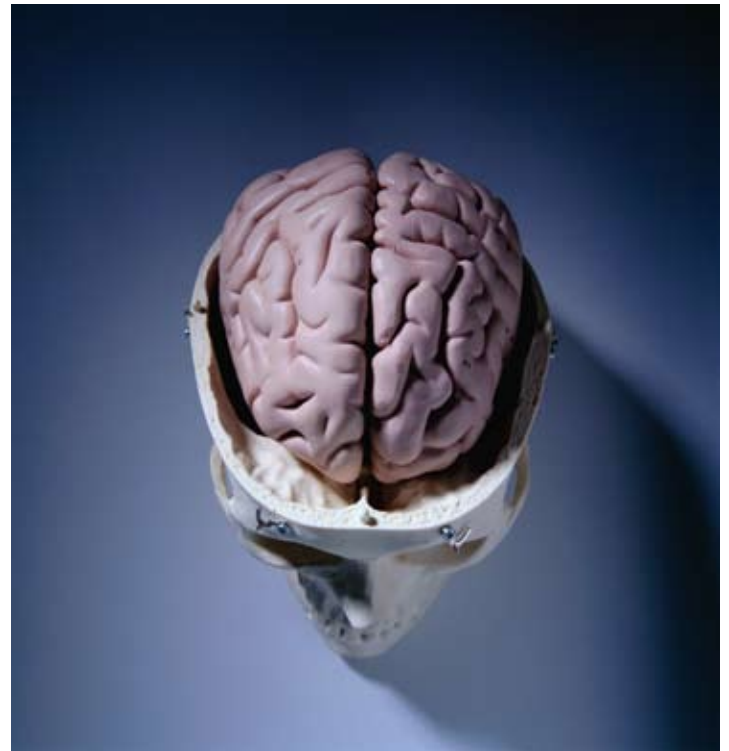
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