

## Discussion Session Guidelines for the Moderator

### BASED ON RABBI YAACOV HABER AND THE OU PARDES PROJECT

- The intent of this forum is to allow you to discover what Jewish tradition teaches about various topics. Through discussion, you will explore and gain insight into Judaism's approach to the topic under review.
- Since participation is the key to these discussion sessions, we urge you to join in the conversation. Your comments on the subject are important to the process. The source material provided will help you to focus your comments on the dialogue at hand, allowing you to enlighten others and evaluate their points of view, as well.
- The following format is suggested for moderating your discussion sessions:
  - Read the "introduction" aloud.
  - Read aloud and discuss briefly the moral dilemma (the "How would you respond?" section).
  - Each Torah source should be read aloud by one of the participants.
  - Discuss each source with the group. Ask them, "Now that you have read the source, what do you know that you didn't know before?"
  - Once again discuss the moral dilemma in light of the Torah sources.
  - If the group gets bogged down on a particular point, move on to the next one. If there is time at the end of the session, return to the challenging point.