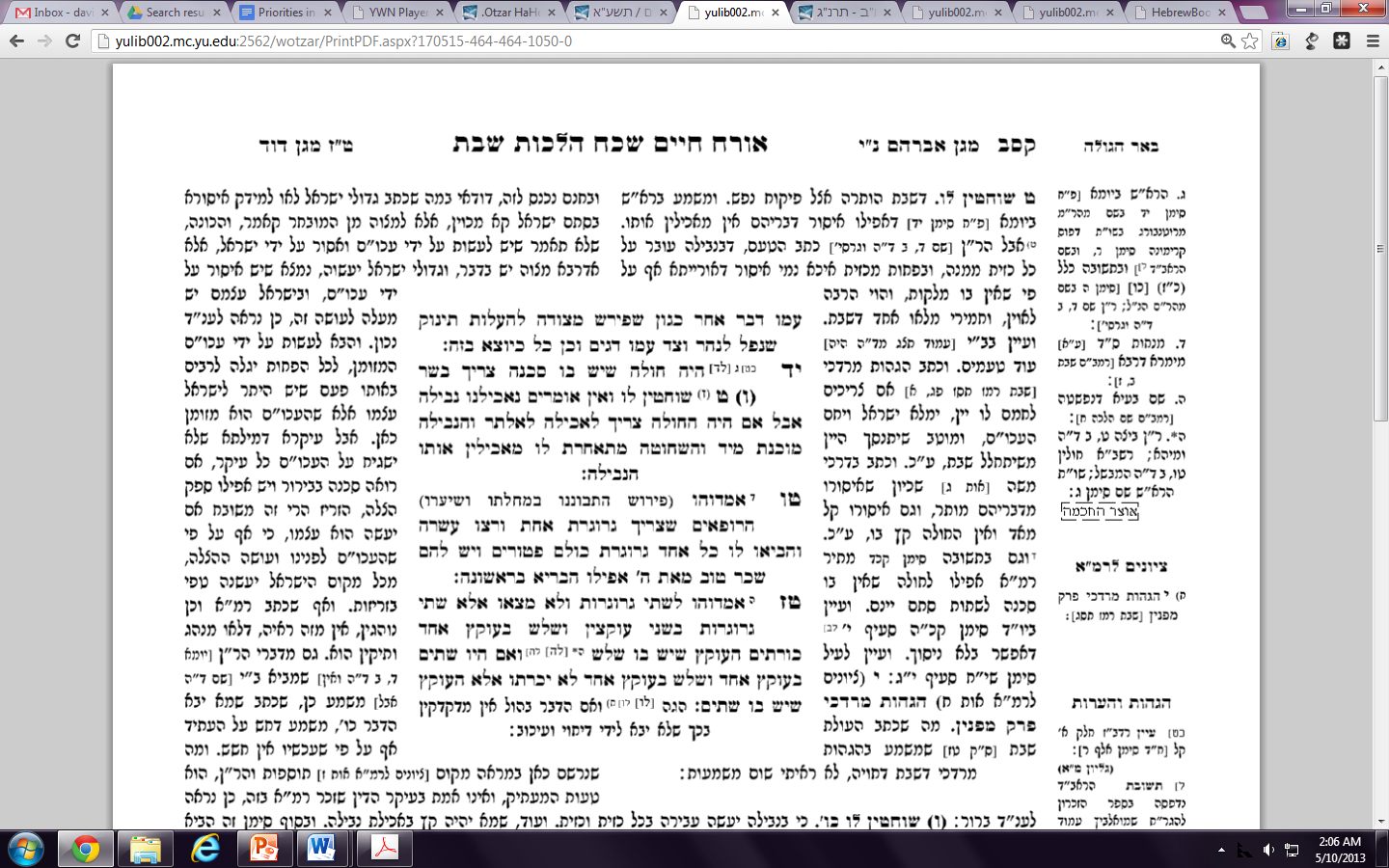
Mission Impossible: How Can One Decide Whom to Save?

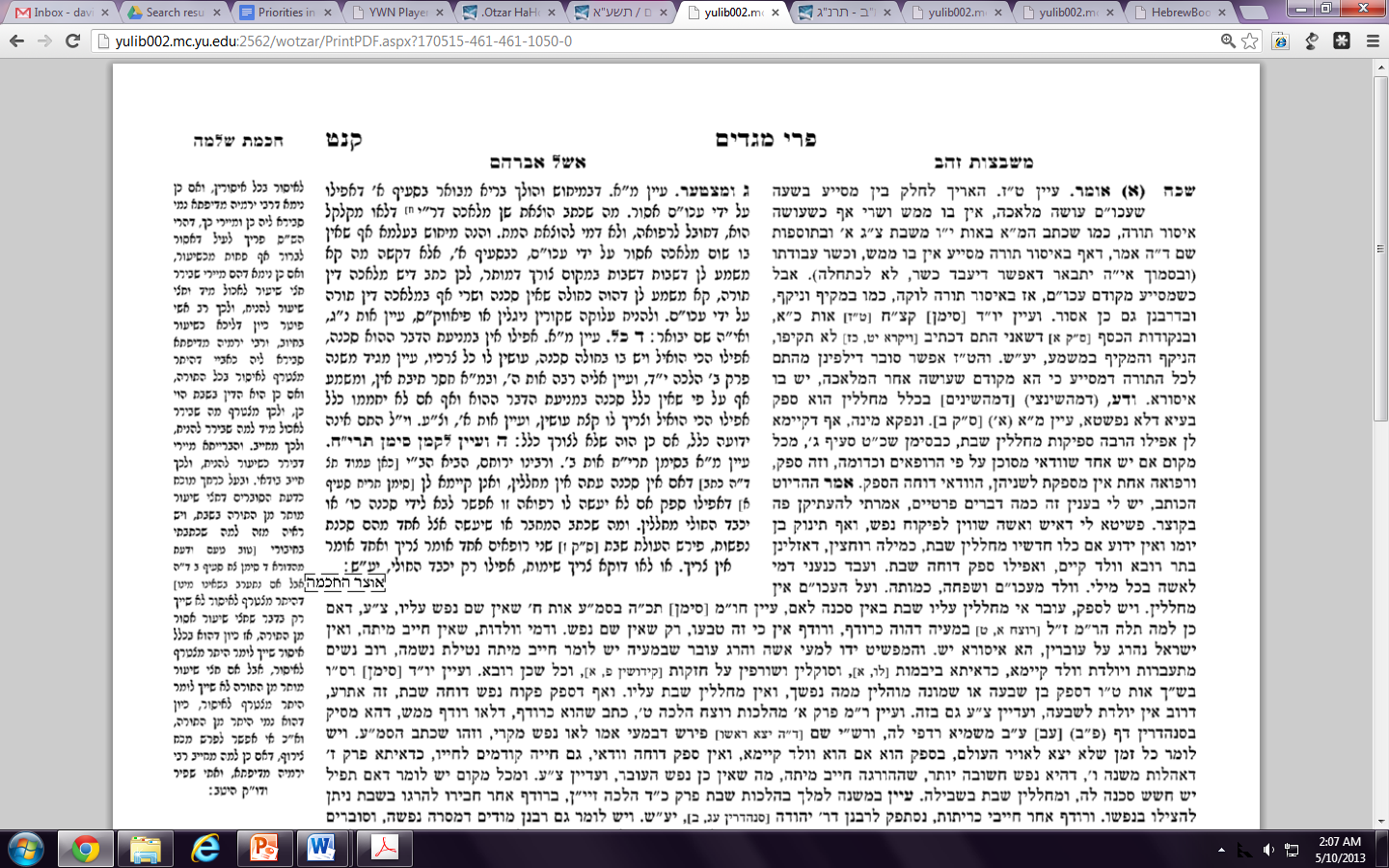
Rabbi David Shabtai, MD

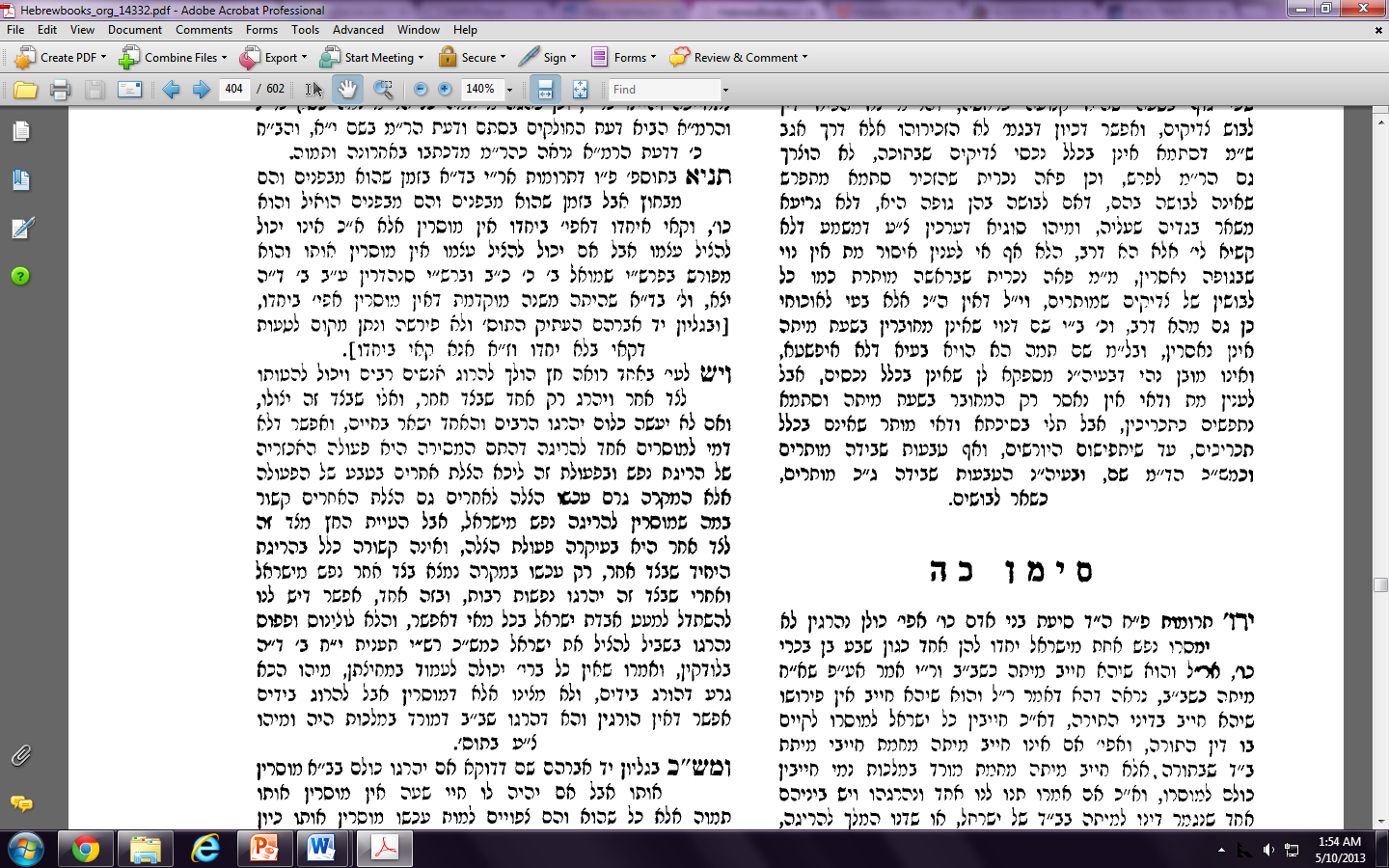
תוס' ע"ז כז ע"ב ד"ה לחיי



שולחן ערוך או"ח (שכח:טו)

פרי מגדים סי' שכח משבצות זהב ס"ק א



חזון אי"ש נזיקין, סנהדרין אות כט

Mission Impossible: How Can One Decide Whom to Save?

Rabbi David Shabtai, MD

1. The Ebola epidemic
   1. Resource allocation
   2. Experimental treatments
   3. Models for prioritizing the impossible
2. *Pikuah* *nefesh*
   1. *Hayyei* *Sha’ah*
      1. Best interest standard
   2. Evaluating the infinite (R. Immanuel Jakobovitz)
   3. Measuring *pikuah nefesh*
      1. Success rate (*Shulhan Arukh, Orah Hayyim* 328:15)
      2. Sources and goals (*Sanhedrin* 73a)
3. Choosing who to save
   1. Certainty vs. possibility (*Pri Megadim*)
      1. Applications (R. Yitzchak Zylberstein)
   2. Status (*Horiyot* 13a)
   3. Skipping mitzvot and carpé diem
      1. Evaluating a mitzvah’s worth (*Radvaz*)
      2. Enhancing a mitzvah (*Hakham Tzvi*)
         1. R. Hayyim’s *etrogim*
   4. Public vs. private concerns (R. Shlomo Dichovsky)
      1. Using different measuring tools
4. Philippa Foot and “trolleyology”
   1. *Hazon Ish* and knocking an arrow off course
      1. Possible differences
   2. Vaccinations, medications, and shooting down airplanes