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Healing Jewish Hearts

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Dear Rabbi Adland,

We recently learned of your “Partner in Faith” Award to be given by Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio on April 25, 2018. Though your involvement with Planned Parenthood and abortion rights activism finds much support in your Jewish circle of influence, we find it to be terribly disturbing. We most humbly ask you for your attention as we share our viewpoint.

Jews raised in the pro-abortion culture are conditioned from an early age to believe that elective abortion as birth control solves the problems resulting from unplanned pregnancy, unwanted and abused children, social and financial challenges, professional conflicts, gestational anomalies, and sexual and physical assault. This Jewish view sees the ‘right to choose’ abortion as a civil liberty, necessary health care, good for women and allowed by Jewish law.

Many Jewish supporters of Planned Parenthood remain unaware of the grim side of the abortion industry - killing unborn children, harming mothers, and decimating families and communities. During abortion procedures unborn babies are starved, poisoned, burned, dismembered, and born alive and their skull crushed - all without pain medication. It is well documented that PP shelters sexual predators and sex traffickers, routinely lies to and exploits women, and illegally harvests baby parts for profit. These business and medical practices run contrary to medical ethics and acceptable medical standards.

Many post abortive women report that, immediately afterward or years afterward, the abortion experience left them feeling betrayed by the friends and family who recommended it, as well as grief-stricken, broken-hearted, emotionally and mentally unbalanced, physically compromised, and spiritually inconsolable. Abortion puts women at risk for breast cancer and infertility, both conditions prevalent in the Jewish community. We now know that women who complete their pregnancies have far better outcomes than those who terminate.

Many Jews who condone and support abortion have sympathy for the plight of a woman who faces problems because of pregnancy, but decline the community responsibility to provide financial and emotional support and pregnancy care services which would be far more helpful than to provide an abortion that harms her, destroys her child, and rarely solves the concurrent problems. Resources for Jewish pregnancy care are vitally needed.

Abortion in America, Europe, and in Israel is now a primary form of birth control - and leads to the termination of thousands of unborn children every **day**. The Guttmacher Institute, which keeps statistics for Planned Parenthood, estimates that 1.3% of abortions in America are Jewish, leading to approximately 300 Jewish lives lost through violent abortion death every week*. In Israel, the number is at least 576 Jewish lives lost through violent abortion death every week.**

*Abortion Facts, Abortion Statistics

**Israel Health & Medicine: Legal Terms of Abortion

As you know, Rabbi Adland, in Judaism abortion is judged to be the unwarranted taking of a life within a life. It is prohibited, just as murder is prohibited. Originally, our rabbinic tradition correctly found one exception to the prohibition - that of breech birth which, if not remedied, would kill both mother and child. The Halachic requirement to save the mother's life by taking the child's life was restricted to this grave imminent danger. Today, only 1% of abortion is used to save the life of the mother, and this percentage is dwindling as pre-term babies can be removed from the uterus and given life saving care. The Jewish propensity to expand the limits of this exception disregard the human life that hangs in the balance - an innocent human life.

We've been taught that "It's not alive until It's born", a corrupted, misleading reference to ancient rabbinical opinion on the status of the unborn. This is 2018, the age of ultra-sophisticated ultrasound that verifies instantly the humanity of the child in the mother's womb. Now, it is scientific proof that human life begins at conception. We know without a doubt that abortion kills an innocent living human being. Judaism prohibits killing an innocent person. Therefore, in Judaism elective abortion is wrong.

Judaism emphasizes the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, making it incumbent upon Jews to find alternative life saving ways to deal with unplanned and unwanted pregnancy. Adoption and single parenthood are much better choices for Jews than the intentional killing of an innocent life. Indeed, Judaism insists that a Jew break all the Sabbath rules to save the life of a fetus. Judaism prohibits desecrating the human body, but abortion destroys a human body, and the harvesting of baby parts for profit runs contrary to Jewish respect for the dead.

Our Jewish tradition provides clear guidelines to follow regarding the protection of unborn human life. From Genesis 9:6-7, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood through man, shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man. And you, be fruitful, and multiply; swarm in the earth, and multiply therein", to Deuteronomy 30:19, where our Heavenly Father clearly declares, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore, choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed."

In the Zohar, our mystical sages warn us of disturbing human unborn life, "For there are three [persons] who drive away the Shekkinah (indwelling of God) from the world, making it impossible for the Holy One, Blessed be He, to fix His abode in the universe and causing prayer to be unanswered.....{The third is} he who causes the fetus to be destroyed in the womb, for he destroys the artifice of the Holy One, blessed be He, and His workmanship…… For these abominations the Spirit of Holiness weeps."

Rabbi Adland, we realize that your reputation and livelihood depend upon complete immersion in the Jewish pro-abortion culture. Investigation about the other side - the tragic side - of abortion may be quite unnerving. Until recently, the unavailability of Jewish pro-life educational materials has prevented intelligent, well educated credentialed Jewish professionals from exploring this facet of the abortion business. Please review the enclosed materials and visit our website to learn how you may begin to move toward a life saving position on the issue.

Thank you for your attention. Please contact us anytime for a confidential discussion, and may HaShem grant you great wisdom as you journey towards His light.

Sincerely,

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