

Message from the Rabbi – June 16, 2022

The State of Florida passed an anti-abortion law which is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2022. If this happens, it will be a devastating setback for women's rights, religious freedom and the goal of living in a society where all children are wanted children. I am thrilled to serve a congregation that takes a stand for women, the Jewish people and those of all faiths who cherish freedom. We must never return to the dangerous days of back-alley abortions and the dismantling of the wall of separation between church and state and we will fight back against such efforts.

If the pro-life people really want to protect life, we invite them to join us in fighting for universal health care, gun control, protection of our planet, empowerment of women, and a rational religion that builds bridges of understanding among all people rather than trying to impose their views on others by government fiat.

We thank the many organizations who support us in this effort such as Jews For A Secular Democracy who eloquently expressed their support of our lawsuit as follows:

“Jews for a Secular Democracy Florida believes that religious freedom, including the principle of separation of church and state, is essential for protection of religious minorities. We believe that reproductive rights, including the right to abortion, are human rights. We hold that it is unconstitutional to base governmental policy regulating abortion on a Christian-fundamentalist approach. The proper role of government in Florida is not to privilege one set of religious views over others, but to protect each person's right and ability to make decisions according to their own beliefs and values.

We congratulate Congregation L'Dor Va-Dor for filing a legal suit that demands an injunction for HB 5 based on its violation of religious freedom. We ask that the circuit court provide immediate relief and temporary and permanent injunction of HB5.”

To support this fight for freedom of choice, please contact us at our website at LDORVADOR.org or contact me, Rabbi Barry Silver at BarryBoca@aol.com. Thank you.