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"Science may have found a cure for most evils, but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all –the apathy of human beings." — Helen Keller

CELEBRATING LONG ISLAND'S PRO-LIFE COMMITMENT



# STAND UP FOR LIFE

On Sunday, October 3, pro-lifers will have an opportunity to participate with family and friends, with people of all faiths, with people of all ages in a great pro-life event.

Your help is needed now to make this work for pro-life.

Pictured to the left is the promotional poster we plan to display in every town of Nassau and Suffolk. All must be made aware of the presence of pro-life on Long Island. We wish to encourage all organizations, families and individuals to join us that day.

Sunday, October 3, 1999 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (rain or shine)

INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 25 and ROUTE 110 **Huntington, Long Island** 

Signs will be distributed at site and will read:

ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN

LOVE THEM BOTH

(with picture of mother and child)

Stand Up For Life Event supporters include:

Names will appear here Refer to coupon below

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	☐ I will attend and will bring people with me. ☐ I will display the posters shown above in my town from mid-August through Oct. 4th. ☐ I am enclosing \$25 to list my name or group's name (church, family, organization) as a supporter on the posters. Please list as follows (35 character maximum): PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS					
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**OOPS!** - Due to an unforeseen problem this months Life News pages are *not* in the correct order.

## CALENDAR EVENTS CONTINUED

"Whenever Two or More Are Gathered in My Name...'

2 PM DEANERY 6 PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 75 Parkside Dr. Su 7/11

Point Lookout, NY. Mary Caffrey 887-2458.

(M) 1PM PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.

Su 7/11 8/8 (M) 1PM SINGLE MOTHER'S SUPPORT GROUP at "Bridge to Life" 41-23 Bell Blvd., 2nd Flr, Bayside, Su 7/11 8/8

for single mothers. 718-225-2211. Queens residents may obtain the "Bridge to Life" newsletter - Call 718-225-2211.

VNew (M) 7:30PM EASTERN LONG ISLAND CATHOLICS FOR LIFE St. Rosalie K of C Council, M 7/12 8/9

Hampton Bays, NY. Call 1-800-253-5218 or 728-2311.

(M) 9AM MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE NOON - Rosary; Vigil concludes with BENEDICTION FOR Tu 7/13 8/10

LIFE at 5PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue.

(M) 9PM-6AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL Our Lady of Lourdes RCC -Chapel Massapequa Park. Fr 7/16 8/20

For details please call Anne Murphy: 234-6921.

(M) 7:30-8:30PM ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown. Tu 7/20 8/17

9AM-2PM Volunteers needed - Donate an hour or two & help prepare the August LIFE NEWS for mailing. Sa 7/24 At St. Joseph's Old School Gym! 25 Church St., Ronkonkoma - For Directions call: 588-4437.

Lunch will be served. All Welcome! Folding is a great SERVICE PROJECT for Confirmation Students!

(M) 7:45PM - L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING at St. Regis K of C, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY. Mn 7/26

Call: 516-243-1435. All Welcome! (M) 8-9PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR & DEVOTION TO OUR LADY Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Fr 7/30 8/27

Massapequa Park, NY. For directions call 541-3270.

▼11:00PM "DEFEND LIFE" television series on Channels 25 & 64 from Priests for Life - Fr. Frank Pavone.

▼7-7:30PM "THE GOOD NEWS" television series on Channel 6-TCI Brookhaven Cable. Christian talk-show featuring 'The Good Mourning Outreach' from the LI Life Center, for post abortive women. Call 516-744-8923.

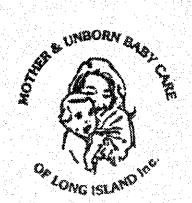


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Saturdays

Wednesdays

If you spot the Long Island Coalition for Life's sky banner FLY-OVER ALERT! with the message: "Pregnant - Need Help - Call 516-243-2373" over the July Fourth Weekend.....Please call & let us know!



#### LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

1959 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729 Training Schedule - Call to register: 516-243-2373 Tuesday Mornings 10 AM to 12 Noon

7/13 CPC - Introduction to Counseling

CPC - Taking the Call 7/20

**CPC** - Developmental Stages 7/27

CPC - Counseling the Sexually Active Young Person 8/3

PAS - Post-Abortion Counseling 8/10

#### CROSS-COUNTRY WALK

Long Island Catholic: 5/19/99 On May 17, David Regan, a student at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio will have flown to San Francisco to begin a walk to promote the dignity of human life. David, a parishioner of Saints' Cyril and Methodius Church, Deer Park, NY is the Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator at Steubenville. In addition to the walk he and other student participants will be speaking at churches along their route about the Culture of Life vs. The Culture of Death. David believes that prayer, fasting and sacrifice are the best ways to defeat the Culture of Death. Our prayers go with David on his cross-country walk for life.

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#### FEDERAL LEGISLATION

CAMPAIGN REFORM-The first amendment to the Constitution guarantees the right of freedom of speech. It was enacted precisely to counter governmental control of political speech. Two bills in the Congress threaten that freedom. In the Senate, the McCain-Feingold Campaign Reform bill and in the House, the Shays-Meehan Campaign Reform bill HR 417, would prohibit citizens or citizen's advocate groups (L.I. Coalition for Life, N.Y.S. Right To Life and National Right to Life) from communicating with citizens regarding the voting records of federal representatives or those seeking elected federal office.

#### ACTION:

Contact your Congressional Representative urging he/she to vote against any measure that would stifle your right to free speech. (See addresses and phone numbers below.)

U.S.A. SUPPORTS COERCIVE ABORTIONS OVERSEAS—The Republic of China is relentlessly determined to enforce its coercive abortion policy against parents having more than one child. When the people do not comply with the government demands they are fined as much as three times a couple's annual salary, their homes and personal property are seized, they are demoted or lose their jobs, they are imprisoned or if a pregnancy is detected before delivery, they are forced to abort and may also be sterilized. Implicated in this heinous policy is the U.S. through its funding of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). ACTION:

Urge your Congressman/woman to vote against any funding for (UNFPA).

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT—With New Jersey's Governor, and Senatorial candidate Christine Todd Whitman agreeing to sign a Parental Notification Bill for a Minor's Abortion and with 21 other states having passed similar legislation to date, it raises pro-lifers expectations that the Federal Child Custody Protection Act (CCPA), HR

1218, will likely pass in the U.S. Congress.

ACTION:

Write/call your Congressman/woman and urge their support of HR 1218 which would make it a federal crime to transport a minor over a state line for the purpose of obtaining an abortion from any state that has a parental notification law in effect.

ADDRESS LETTERS: The Honorable.....

U.S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C. 20515 or call:

C.D. 1 Michael Forbes	516-345-9000
C.D. 2 Rick Lazio	516-893-9010
C.D. 3 Peter King	516-541-4225
C.D. 4 Carolyn McCarthy	516-873-9087
C.D. 5 Gary Ackerman	516-423-2154

Or Congressional Switchboard 202-224-3121 Also write to U.S. Senator Daniel P. Moynihan And U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Submitted by John Healy 516-598-0430

#### NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

At this time it is estimated that the N.Y. State Legislature will adjourn for the summer before the July issue of LIFE NEWS is received. If, however, adjournment is delayed or a Special Session is called during the summer, please use talking points from this and previous issues when you contact your Senators and Assembly Members. (Addresses are in June LIFE NEWS.)

Unfortunately the Pro-Life legislation we supported did not become law.

The ban on Partial-Birth Abortion bill passed in the Senate, but the majority leadership in the Assembly used "procedurally abusive" methods to prevent consideration of this bill on the Assembly floor. (The only hope for this bill now is that it be may be attached to another bill as an amendment)

The Parental Notification Bill (A1924 and S4145) and the Woman's Right to Know Bill (A1459 and S1458) are still in the Health Committee. No action is expected before September.

The best news is that none of the Clinic Access Bills (S14, S32, S33, S66, S1147, S225 and S4607 have become law. All should be opposed. (See previous issues.)

Fortunately the Family Care Decision Bill (A4114) did not become law. It should be opposed as written because it would, in some cases, give involuntary euthanasia legal status.

We have no news on restricting abortion funding. Please watch the media and contact your Senators and Assembly Members if the N.Y. State budget has not been voted on by the time you read this.

N.Y.S. Senate Switchboard-----518-455-2800 N.Y.S. Assembly Switchboard-----518-455-4100

Submitted by Mary Arden Smith 516-825-4852

#### HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORT

## "YOU HAVE 72 HOURS TO ERASE LAST NIGHT"



We are concluding our three-article series on Planned Parenthood with the following information on Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECP's) because PP has become a major prescriber of their use.

Emergency Contraceptive Pills are high-dose birth control pills that must be taken within 72 hours after intercourse, to be followed up by a second high dose 12 hours later. Medical books give this warning: Adverse effects may be more serious, frequent and rapid in onset with high-dose than with low-dose combinations. Remember, "morning after

pills" are high doses of birth control pills!

Some of the complications of using ECP's include: nausea, vomiting, increased risk of ectopic pregnancy, blood clots in the legs, lungs, heart and brain, heart attacks and stroke, liver damage, liver tumors, gall bladder disease, high blood pressure, and even death. It is advised that those who smoke or have any serious medical disorders not take ECP's! ECP's work in three ways: to thicken the cervical mucus which prevents or delays sperm migration; to prevent ovulation by suppression of the critical area of the hypothalamus part of the brain; and to cause endometrial changes that prevent implantation of the fertilized ovum on to the lining of the mother's womb. This last action is abortive in naturecontraceptives are supposed to prevent conception, not cause an abortion.

PP now has a new service called "Dial EC"! PPFA announced on 9/14/98 that they were introducing a program to distribute EC's over the phone to women they have never met with. "When a woman cannot come to the clinic during the 72 hour period when EC is effective, PP will provide counseling and education about the method over the phone, and when appropriate call in a prescription to a local pharmacist. PP has already provided this service to established patients; it will now offer EC over the phone to first-time patients." Therefore, it is now possible for an 11 or 12 year old girl to call PP and pick up the pills at a pharmacy without her parents' knowledge—not just once, but over and over again! How many 12 year olds, or even 16 year olds really know their personal and family medical history well enough to even be aware of the dangers of these pills? This is an organization that cares about women and our children?

Another new "service" is "EC-to-Go"! This is an emergency pack of the pills that is sold to women to have on hand. The title of this article refers to the message on PP's recent postcard campaign encouraging ECP use. "Erasing" refers to the possible destruction of a fertilized egg-a human being. PP argues that a woman is pregnant only after the fertilized egg is implanted in the uterine wall—therefore, the pills are contraceptive, not abortive in nature. This theory would then make IUD's contraceptives as well. No credible scientist, or even high school student would agree with this argument, nor could they disagree with the following: "Fertilization is a sequence of events that begins with the contact of a sperm (spermatozoan) with a secondary oocyte (ovum). This fertilized ovum known as a zygote is a large diploid cell that is the beginning. . . of a human being." (Essentials of Human Embryology, Keith L. Moore). We could quote many other medical sources as well. Why then does PP deny these facts? Could it be because they want to be able to say that they do not perform abortions? We know better! According to "The Ryan Report, deaths in the womb by PPSA in 1996 from ECP'S alone was 2,830."

Contrary to what PP proclaims, Dr. Regina Friedman, Medical Director of PP of Greater Northern NJ responded as follows in an interview about how ECP's work and when to use them: "Basically, it is a birth control pill taken in high dosage. It changes the lining in the uterus so that the egg cannot implant. You use EC when you've had unprotected intercourse around the time of your ovulation. It must be taken within 72 hours of intercourse." If Dr. Friedman felt PP was distributing these pills for other than their abortive quality, wouldn't she have included the other two possible ways they can work?

Eugene Rudd, M.D., associate director of the Christian Medical and Dental Society said, "By design, these morning-after pills interrupt pregnancy after conception occurs. ... " Rev. Robert Fleischmann said "... . Mechanisms like the morning-after pill are designed to end life."

Fay Wattleton, past president of PPFA said in an L.A. Times interview, "Planned Parenthood will not be an organization promoting celibacy or chastity." The racist, eugenic philosophy of PP's founder Margaret Sanger continues today. World-wide, especially in third world nations and minority areas, PP supports sterilization, population control and abortion programs. Is this not exploitation of all except PP's "elite" class? We ask you to stop for a moment and consider a commitment to oppose Planned Parenthood, especially their involvement in our schools!

THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to obtain the 4000 signatures (as of 6/2/99) in an effort to discourage Planned Parenthood from opening at 35 Carmans Road, Massapequa. To date, the petitions have been sent to the NYS Dept. of Health, Assemlbyman Steven Labriola, and to the Oyster Bay Town Board.

## PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"Whenever Two or More Are Gathered in My Name..."

## JULY 1999 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PRAYER VIGIL AT ABORTION PROVIDER/REFERRAL SITES

IMPORTANT: Call your local contact person before going to site. Come ONLY at "DATES & TIMES" Prescribed By Your Contact Person and NEVER REMAIN AT SITE ALONE. PLEASE JOIN US! Additional participants are very much needed and welcomed. (M) - This event held monthly. (W) - This event held on dates noted and on every week of the month.

#### NASSA U

TOWN	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY/TIME
(W) GARDEN CITY	354-6749	1103 Stewart Ave.	T, W, F 9-10:30AM, Sat 7-10:00AM
(W) HEMPSTEAD	867-3409	540 Hemp-Fulton Ave.	Sat 7:30AM - 1PM
(W) MASSAPEQUA	781-5274	930 Broadway	Sat 9:30AM - NOON
(W) MINEOLA	741-6451	184 Old Country Rd.	M, W, & Fri 2:30-4PM
(W) ROCKVILLE CTR	766-5424	495 N. Village Ave.	Tu 6-8PM & Fri 2-3PM
(W) SYOSSET	334-2569	175 Jericho Tpke	Sat. 7:30-9:30AM
(W) EA. ROCKAWAY	887-2458	123 Grant Ave.	W 9:30-10:30AM
(W) HICKSVILLE*	867-3409	380 Broadway	Sat. 7:30-9:30AM
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[\*We Need More People For The New Hicksville Site - Please Offer An Hour Or Two Of Your Time.]

#### SUFFOLK

TOWN	<b>CONTACT</b>		LOCATION	DAY/TIME
(W) DEER PARK	265-1081			Tu 9AM-Noon, Fr 8-11AM; Sat 7-10AM
(W) SMITHTOWN VIL	979-7017			Fri NOON - 2PM, Sat 7AM - NOON
(M) STONY BROOK	751-8217		•	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat, 8-10AM
(W) SOUTHAMPTON	283-6829			11:30AM every Friday
(W) BRENTWOOD	234-0933			8AM-9:30AM, every Saturday
NOTE: Peaceful Assemb	ly & Prover on	Dublic Dro	norty non-on-Ale-stine Cite in I II Co	oAlvi-9.50Alvi, every Saturday

NOTE: Peaceful Assembly & Prayer on Public Property near an Abortion Site is LEGAL. <u>Prayer and Witness are Important.</u>
Fr 7/2 8/6 (M) 9:30AM-4PM **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor, NY. Call 725-5915.

Sa 7/3 8/7 (M) 3-7AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL at St. Aloysius RCC, Grt Neck; Fri. 7/9 - 7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn AND Rosary for Life Sat. 7/30 - 8-9AM. 482-6177.

Su 7/4 8/1 (M) 11:15AM ROSARY FOR LIFE Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave.,

North Floral Park 718-343-2491

Su 7/4 8/1 (W) 8-9PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst. Mn 7/5 8/2 (M) 10AM-4PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel)

Mn 7/5 8/2 (W) 7PM ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS St. Catherine's, Franklin Square.

W 7/7 ▼ 7:30PM HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE St. Jude Shrine Church, Mastic Beach, NY.

Th 7/8 8/12 (W) 7-8PM ROSARY FOR LIFE Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9:30-NOON-Adoration)

Fr 7/8 8/12 (M) 7:30 PM BENEDICTION FOR LIFE St. Boniface RCC, Elmont.

Fr 7/8 8/12 (M) 9:30PM-8AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 499-8520.

Fr 7/8 8/12 (M) 9PM-5AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh. Fr 7/8 8/12 (M) 8PM-9PM PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne.

Fr 7/8 8/12 (M) 7:30-8:30PM ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR LIFE St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY. Call 694-2938.

Fr 7/8 8/12 (M) 8PM PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR St. Paul the Apostle RCC, Route 107, Brookville, NY.

Fr 7/8 8/12 (W) 1:00PM ROSARY FOR LIFE St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 589-0540.

Fr 7/8 8/12 (M) 7-8 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park.

Fr 7/8 8/12 (M) 2-3PM ADORATION FOR LIFE St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, NY.

Fr 7/8 8/12 (M) 7:30PM MASS & HOLY HOUR with respect life intentions, St. Joseph's RCC, Ronkonkoma, NY - 588-0168.

Sa 7/10 

9:00AM MASS & PROCESSION FOR LIFE St. Ignatius Loyola RCC, Hicksville, NY. 516-678-5800 ext. 509

All Welcome to FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION to & from this event, leaving at 8:00 AM from St. Regis K of C

parking lot (Ronkonkoma, NY) Call 588-0168. Refreshments after walk. (See back cover)



**HELP! VOLUNTEER NEEDED** to be Treasurer of Pro-Life Political Action Committee. Must have and be able to use a computer.

Call: 588-0168 or write Elect Life: PO Box 1556, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

## PARENTS REFUSE AMNIO TEST – "WE'LL TAKE WHAT GOD SENDS"

Susan Brady Konig is a Columnist for the N.Y. Post. In May she announced that at 36, she was pregnant with her third child. Despite the risks involved – and the advice of some Doctors – she decided not to have amniocentesis to determine if there was anything wrong with her unborn baby. Susan went for her 20-week sonogram, which she particularly enjoyed since the baby is so well-developed and babylike. She and her husband declined amniocentesis earlier and their AFP screening test for Down's Syndrome came back as "High Risk." The Doctor and genetic counselor talked about termination. Susan told them she would rely instead on a normal-looking sonogram at 20 weeks – knowing it wasn't foolproof but didn't involve the risk of miscarriage.

Being aware of this, the sonographer would be looking extra carefully to rule out any signs of Down's Syndrome. Not all Down's Syndrome clues involve the head— there are many red flags in other parts of the body, Luckily, the sonographer judged all these areas to be normal. Susan's husband remained pretty tense, and asked, "So far as you can see, we have a healthy baby here?" "Yep, everything looks perfectly normal", she answered. Susan and her husband told her that for the past few weeks, the fellow members of her profession had made this pregnancy all about Amnio and termination. Then the sonographer said something to them that was so refreshingly honest, it took them totally by surprise. She acknowledge it. "Yeah, they sure put a scare into you, don't they?", she said out loud. Yes, yes they do, mused Susan, they'd been doing it for weeks now.

Susan and her husband then consulted with the perinatalogist who asked why they didn't have an Amnio. Although she had explained her reasoning several times to her Obstetrician, Susan told him she didn't like the risk of miscarriage, however remote, and hoped this sonogram would provide some reassurance. The Doctor said he saw nothing wrong on the sono but asked what her AFP screening numbers were. One in 50, he was told. He looked surprised. "That's a real risk", he said. "But I thought the test wasn't that accurate", Susan replied. "It's a screening test", he answered. "Only the Amnio tells you for sure. Amnio is the gold standard." Feeling uneasy, Susan pressed on, asking if there was something that caused him concern that should be looked into. He said no, but added "We're looking at a picture. There could still be something, and only Amnio could say for sure. I don't know what your beliefs are. It's very personal. How do you feel about abortion?" "We'll take what God sends us", they replied. He smiled. "Well, people say that, then they face the reality of having a Down's child, and they adjust their beliefs." "But everything looks fine, right?" they asked. "Sure, sure, very nice", the Doctor answered. They awkwardly shook hands with this man who offered to relieve them of doubt with the promise of abortion, and were left with the pictures of their baby.

Susan's husband was furious. "You're halfway through this pregnancy. When are they going to stop talking about abortion." Still, the joy of seeing the baby outweighed everything else. Susan enjoyed looking at the photos and imagining what this baby would look like. Doctors sometimes forget that – whatever high-tech medical tests might show – there is no greater love then that of a parent for a child.

~ Source: N.Y. Post, 6/7/99

#### VIOLATION OF NEW YORK STATE MEDICAID LAW FORCING TAXPAYERS TO FUND ABORTION -ON-DEMAND

Every day approximately 400 children die in New York State from abortion – over 1/3 of the 400 are paid for by Medicaid with your New York State tax dollars.

In 1996, the most recent year for which statistics are available, there were 145,469 induced abortions in N.Y. State. Of that number, 66,000 or 45% were reimbursed by Medicaid at the cost of \$32.9 million. The NYS Dept. of Health Bureau of Biometrics reported 92% of all abortions performed in the state were performed at "the patient request" rather than for medical necessity.

Under New York State Social Service Law 365-a, only "medically necessary" abortions qualify for Medicaid reimbursement. This, obviously, is being abused as the 1992 DOH statistics reveal that 89% of all Medicaid abortions were done for <u>non-medical</u> reasons.

New York State is one of only 14 states to fund abortion-demands. The Medicaid program – a federal program – calls for the federal government to contribute 50% and the state and local government to share the other 50%. Under the Hyde Amendment, the federal government pays for only medically indicated abortions. New York State chooses not to seek federal reimbursement. New York State chooses to provide abortion-on-demand and thus forces its taxpayers to fund 100% of Medicaid abortions in this state (50% paid with state tax dollars; 50% paid with local county dollars).

The N.Y. State Department of Health (DOH) reports an over-all abortion repeat rate of 57.3%.

~ New York State Right to Life Committee Inc.

• Don't let your tax dollars pay for the killing of the innocent preborn! Contact the Governor and your State Representatives and demand they put an end to this blatant violation of State Law!

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD TEEN CONFERENCE

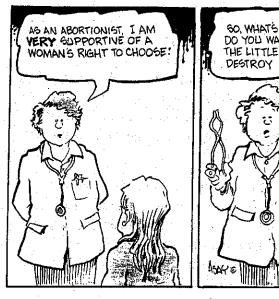
(continued) From last issue

In its coverage of the annual teen "Health Conference" held April 23, 1999 at the Wyndham Wind Watch Hotel, Hauppauge, <u>Life News</u> listed in the April and June issues respectively the names of participating schools, the number of "Advisor" students from each school, and the estimated number of students attending. To complete our coverage of this event, we now include a list of some of the vehicles observed transporting students to this conferences:

Buses: Atlantic, Babylon, Baumann (3), Bayport-Blue Point, Hauppauge, Islip Youth, Kings Park (2), Laidlaw, M&S, McCoy, No. Amityville, Roy K. Davis, Seacoast (2), Suffolk Transportation, Towne and United.

Vans: Islip and Little Flower

~ L.I.C.L. Committee to Challenge Planned Parenthood





Please join us to celebrate

#### Assemblyman Tom Barraga's

appointment as

Assistant Republican Leader

of the New York State Assembly

Gourmet Buffet Reception Thursday, July 15, 1999

5:30 to 8'00 p.m. at

La Grange Inn

Montauk Highway, West Islip

**Donation: \$50 per person** For tickets, call 516-449-0477

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The truth is, the number of partial-birth abortions in any given year, extrapolating from clinics that keep accurate records, must be in the thousands. For example, one clinic in the Bronx has reported 19,000 partial-birth abortions over the course of 17 years. Another clinic in New Jersey reports 1,500 annually. The pattern is clearly at odds with Ms. Klagsbrun's assertion.

I truly thought this matter was laid to rest in March 1997 when Ron Fitzsimmons, then executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, stated that he had "lied through his teeth" to President Clinton by grossly underreporting the number of partial-birth abortions, admitting it was a common practice in the industry. But again, why argue? Even one of these savage acts would be one too many.

Further, I believe that abortionists should be obligated to obtain informed consent from any adult before an abortion is preformed. In the case of a minor, the consent should come from parents. This would be our expectation before proceeding with any invasive procedure. Abortion should not be exempt as it is today in many states due to the political clout of the pro-abortion forces.

Most of all, I believe the Jewish community needs to start thinking about choices rather than focusing only on one choice. Should not the community concentrate on providing alternatives for unwanted pregnancies other than abortions? And should we not provide choices for infertile Jewish couples to adopt Jewish babies in this country?

Should we not be encouraging those who want partial-birth abortions, so late into their pregnancies, to consider delivering their babies and giving them to couples who hearts are breaking for want of a child? Should not funds be earmarked to help women in unwanted pregnancies, Jewish and non-Jewish, bring their babies to term for adoption?

Should not the American and world Jewish communities and the government of Israel, which spend billions of dollars and shekels to bring Jews from around the world to settle in Israel, provide Israel's women in unwanted pregnancies choices other than abortion?

In light of the loss of one-third of our people during the Holocaust, a Jewish birthrate below replacement level and an aggregate Jewish world population lower than 60 years ago, can we afford to have one of the world's highest abortion rates in the State of Israel?

The so-called "right-to-choose" is a cardinal article of faith for America's secular humanists, among whom, regrettably in my view, are many Jews. However, in my opinion and that of a growing number of rabbis and laity, the pendulum has swung too far in an America that in 15 years has seen the annual abortion rate grow from 50,000 to 1.4 million.

To the question whose body is it anyway, Judaism historically has answered: "God's." Our bodies are His property to which we are given lifetime tenancy. We are merely stewards. If we believe, and worse, act in a way that asserts the primacy of individual human will over everything else, then the western religious tradition will have been replaced by a new paganism. Let us remember that pagan Rome sanctioned infanticide. Modern forms of paganism have pursued policies of state supported murder

We ourselves are much more than our bodies. Having the knowledge that we are God's stewards relieves us of any false sense of responsibility that might otherwise cause us to usurp His divine role in deciding who shall live and who shall die.

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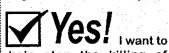
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#### OPINION Moses A. Birnbaum

#### **Ban Partial-Birth Abortions**



Rabbi Moses A. Birnbaum

'This procedure is clearly against Jewish Law and ethics even when the tradition is interpreted from the most liberal point of view.'

From once being blindly pro-choice, I have come to alter my position on abortion. Now in middle age, I unequivocally support the ban on partial-birth abortion. I was one of 450 rabbis who signed a letter calling for the banning of a procedure I believe to be tantamount to infanticide.

Partial-birth abortion is different from all other forms of late-term abortions. Here is why. A substance is administered internally over three days to induce premature dilation of the mother's cervix. The fetus is manipulated by the abortionist to present feet first (breech birth). The majority of the baby is delivered, then surgical scissors are used to puncture the base of the skull. Then brain and other cranial matter are suctioned out.

Contrary to Francine Klagsburn's assertion in her opinion piece of Jan. 15 ("The Dangers of the Anti-Abortion Movement"), partial-birth abortion would seem to be an accurate description of this horrific procedure. But there is really no point in arguing the semantics. The quasi-medical term the pro-abortion movement prefers, intact dilation and extraction, is awful enough once one knows

what it means.

This procedure is clearly against Jewish law and ethics even when the tradition is interpreted from the most liberal and lenient point of view. It is true, as Ms. Klagsbrun informed us, that the Mishnah requires destruction of the fetus if it is a rodef, in pursuit of the mother's life. In these rare cases, ectopic pregnancies come to mind; the Mishnah calls for action even to the point of dismembering the fetus in utero.

However, Ms. Klagsbrun fails to report that this is only permitted before birth. Once the head or the majority of the body has been delivered, we may not "set aside one life for another." Ms. Klagsbrun makes the exception into the rule.

Partial-birth abortion, in addition to being brutal and unethical, presents health hazards to the mother. There have been complications arising from partial-birth abortion that have resulted in permanent sterility and even death.

All of this has serious implications from the perspective of Jewish law and ethics. Other safer and more humane alternatives exist for a mother whose life is in danger. In any event, the proposed law banning partial-birth abortion would permit any procedure, including partial-birth abortion itself, if the mother's life were threatened.

Regarding other abortions, I say we live in a period when abortion on demand has become a morally corrosive norm in our society. At such a juncture, rabbis have a special obligation to teach the truth: abortion on demand is not sanctioned by Jewish tradition.

I believe, too, that there should be stricter regulation of the abortion industry. Oversight in many states is lax. Accurate statistics should be gathered, but that is virtually impossible today.

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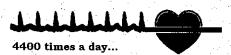
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