


It's in Our Hands
Intergenerational Activism Fair
for **Reproductive Justice**

Ribono shel olam, ruler of the universe,
Who planted the tree of knowledge in the garden,
to know between good and evil,¹
Who granted human beings free choice.

Bless our healers,
Bless our health,
Bless our hands as we work to heal this brokenness.
Bless our treatments as they bring chayyim tovim,
good life, on us all.

Ribono shel olam,
Our Well, our source, who brings renewal and
sustenance.
You are the deep well I draw from.
The well where *Rebecca* stood,
The waters that *Miriam* caused to pour forth.
The waters of the Nile that Yocheved trusted.
Ribono shel olam,
bless these sacred spaces of decision.⁴



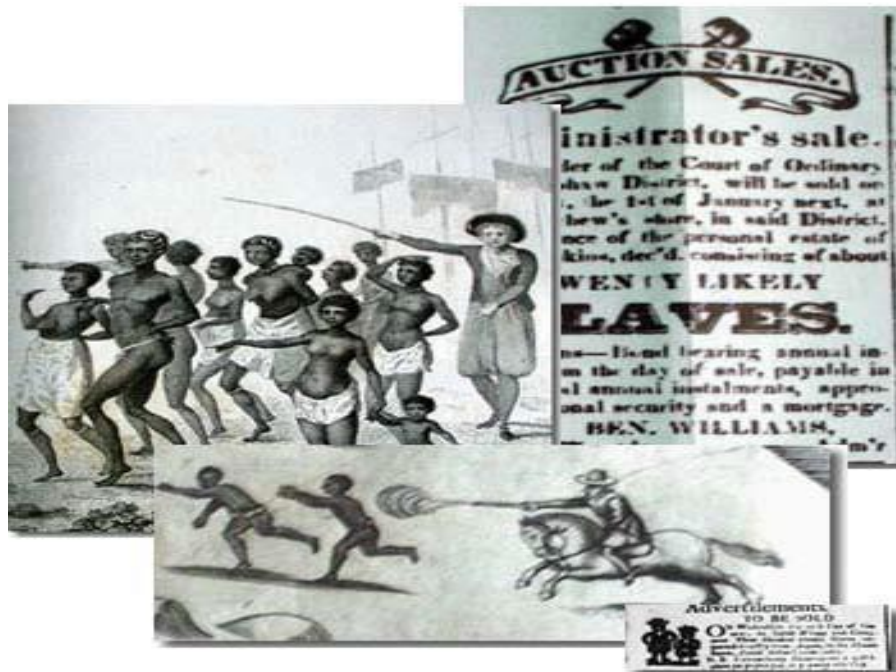
Let's remember that the health of our nation begins in our bodies – and the access that we have to enacting choices about our bodies.

Reproductive rights are among the most fundamental we possess.

-- Kate Haas, Havurah member

From 1654 onward

Del 1654 hacia adelante



African women in slavery experience incalculable and innumerable offences and abuses on their reproductive rights, bodies and families.

Las mujeres afroamericanas esclavas sufren incalculables e innumerables ofensas y abusos de sus derechos reproductivos, sus cuerpos y familias.



1830's

Década de 1830



President Andrew Jackson encourages his troops to kill women and children in order to decimate current and future generation of Native peoples.

El presidente Andrew Jackson alienta a sus tropas a matar mujeres y niños para diezmar la generación actual y las generaciones futuras de la población nativa.


1875



Congress passes the Page Act which effectively ended the entry of unmarried Asian women into the country as a way of limiting family development.

El Congreso aprueba la Ley Page, que de hecho acabó con la entrada de mujeres asiáticas solteras al país, como forma de limitar el desarrollo familiar.





Jewish women have been disproportionately over represented in the struggle for reproductive justice in the last century. The National Council of Jewish Women, founded in 1893, started working on abortion rights in the 1920s, with Margaret Sanger.

In a 1935 resolution, Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) expressed support for the lifting of bans on the dissemination of birth control literature.

1900's to 1940's



The process of giving birth becomes increasingly medical, and traditional birthing practices decrease under pressure from doctors and medical establishment. In 1915, 40% of all births were attended by midwives. By 1935, that number had decreased to 10.7%.

El proceso de dar la luz llega a ser cada vez más médico, y las prácticas tradicionales de la natalidad disminuyen bajo presión de doctores y del establecimiento médico. En 1915 40% de todos los nacimientos fueron atendidos por parteras. Sin embargo, en 1935, ese número había disminuido a 10.7%.

Source: "The History of Midwifery and Childbirth in America: A Time Line," www.midwiferytoday.com



1920



Women get the right to vote!

Las mujeres obtienen el derecho al voto.



1940's



U.S Public Health Service
recommends the teaching of sexuality
education in public schools.

*El Servicio de Salud Pública de los
Estados Unidos recomienda la
enseñanza de la educación sexual en
las escuelas públicas.*



1956

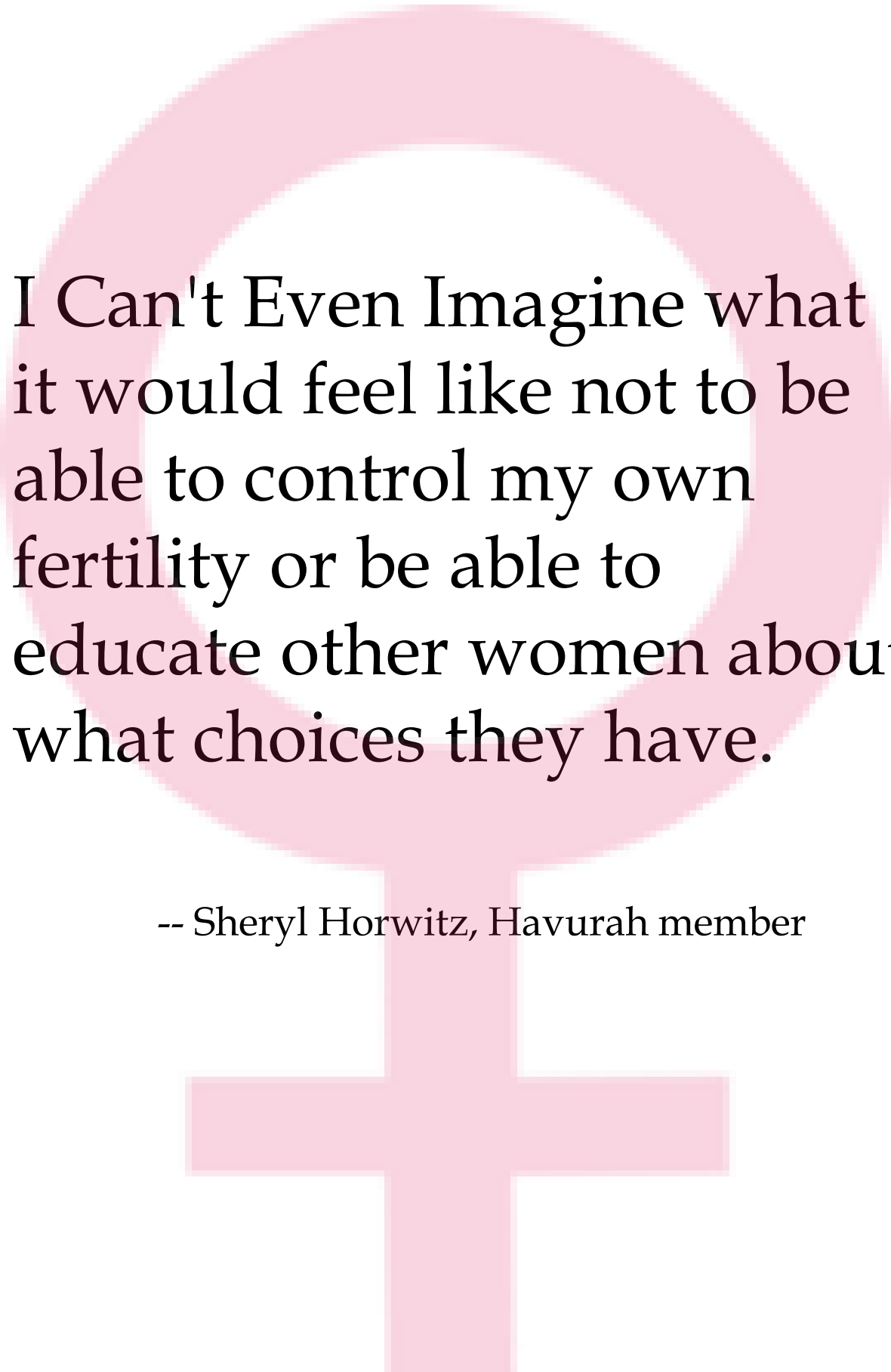


Clinical trials begin on early forms of the birth control pill on women living in housing projects in Puerto Rico. Levels of estrogen and progesterone are 20 times the eventually acceptable levels, creating harmful side effects for women.

Formas tempranas de la píldora anticonceptiva fueron probadas en mujeres de Puerto Rico. Los niveles de estrógeno y progesterona eran 20 veces mayores que los niveles eventualmente aceptables, causando efectos secundarios nocivos para las mujeres.

Source: "The Pill," American Experience, PBS





I Can't Even Imagine what
it would feel like not to be
able to control my own
fertility or be able to
educate other women about
what choices they have.

-- Sheryl Horwitz, Havurah member

1965



Griswold v. Connecticut – Supreme decision establishing a married couples right to access contraception.

Griswold v. Connecticut – Decisión de la Suprema Corte estableciendo que las parejas casadas tenían derecho de acceso a los anticonceptivos.



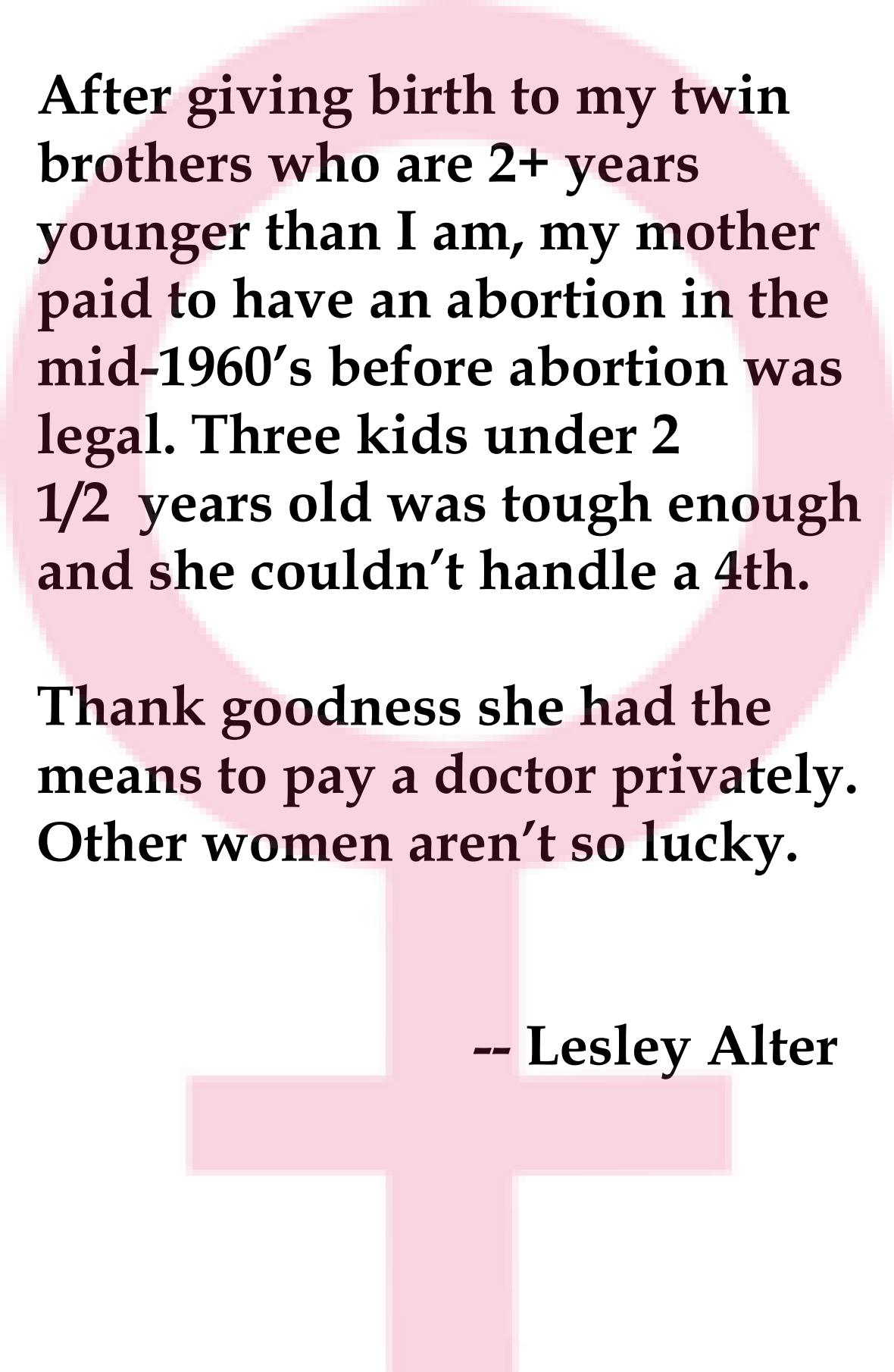
1967



The United States Supreme Court unanimously ruled in *Loving v. Virginia* that anti-miscegenation laws are unconstitutional. With this ruling, these laws were no longer in effect in the remaining 17 states that at the time still enforced.

La United States Supreme Court decidió por unanimidad Loving v. Virginia que las leyes contra la miscegenación son unconstitutional. Con esta sentencia, estas leyes dejaron de tener validez en los 17 estados que en ese momento aún las tenían.





After giving birth to my twin brothers who are 2+ years younger than I am, my mother paid to have an abortion in the mid-1960's before abortion was legal. Three kids under 2 1/2 years old was tough enough and she couldn't handle a 4th.

Thank goodness she had the means to pay a doctor privately. Other women aren't so lucky.

-- Lesley Alter

1969



The Stonewall Riots occurred in New York City. Sparked by Sylvia Rivera, a Puerto Rican drag queen and transgender activist, queer and transgender people fought against the police during a raid on the Stonewall bar. This marked a new phase in the LGBT liberation movement.

One of the customers at Stonewall Inn on the night of the raid was an immigrant man who committed suicide rather than be deported for being gay.

Los Disturbios de Stonewall tuvieron lugar en la ciudad de Nueva York. Incitados por Sylvia Rivera, drag queen y activista transgénero latinoamericana, personas transgénero y queer se enfrentaron a la policía durante una redada al bar Stonewall. Este hecho dictó el inicio de una nueva etapa en el movimiento de liberación LGBT.

Uno de los clientes presentes en el Stonewall Inn la noche de la redada era un inmigrante que se suicidó antes de permitir que se le deportara por ser gay.



1970s



Sterilization of 25% of Indian women living on reservations. In 1975 alone, 25,000 women are sterilized by the Indian Health Services.

Esterilización del 25% de las mujeres indias que vivían en reservaciones. Tan sólo en 1975, 25,000 mujeres fueron esterilizadas por el Servicios de Salud para Indígenas (Indian Health Services).

Source: "A History of Governmental Coerced Sterilization" by Michael Sullivan Define, 1997



1973

"All the News That's Fit to Print"

The New York Times

LATE CITY EDITION

Weather: Partly sunny, mild today; fair tonight. Sunny, mild tomorrow. Temp. range: today 45-53; Monday 32-54. Full U.S. report on Page 76.

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LYNDON JOHNSON, 36TH PRESIDENT, IS DEAD; WAS ARCHITECT OF 'GREAT SOCIETY' PROGRAM

High Court Rules Abortions Legal the First 3 Months

State Bans Ruled Out Until Last 10 Weeks

National Guidelines Set by 7-to-2 Vote

By WARREN WEAVER Jr.
Special to The New York Times
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 — The Supreme Court overruled today all state laws that prohibit or restrict a woman's right to obtain an abortion during her first three months of pregnancy. The vote was 7 to 2.

Cardinals Shocked —Reaction Mixed

By LAWRENCE VAN GELDER
Special to The New York Times
Reaction to the Supreme Court decision on abortion fragmented yesterday along predictable lines, as leaders of the Roman Catholic Church assailed the ruling while birth control and women's rights activists praised it.

3.7 MILLION CARS RECALLED BY G.M. TO CORRECT FLAW

Shields Will Be Installed to Prevent Entry of Gravel Into Steering System

By JERRY M. FLINT
Special to The New York Times
DETROIT, Jan. 22 — The General Motors Corporation recalled today 3.7 million 1971 and 1972 cars, its full-size Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick and

KISSINGER IN PARIS; CEREMONIAL SITE CHOSEN FOR TALKS

Use of Conference Center Indicates Both Sides View Truce Round as Vital

By FLORA LEWIS
Special to The New York Times
PARIS, Jan. 22 — Henry A. Kissinger arrived here tonight and it was announced that his talks tomorrow with Le Duc Tho of North Vietnam would be moved to the ceremonial

NATION IS SHOCKED

Citizens Join Leaders in Voicing Sorrow and Paying Tribute

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN
Shock, sorrow and the sense of a historic leader lost were the mourning themes of public officials and private citizens across the nation last night as word spread that Lyndon Baines Johnson was dead.



STRICKEN AT HOME


Apparent Heart Attack Comes as Country Mourns Truman

Special to The New York Times
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 22 — Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States, died today of an apparent heart attack suffered at his ranch in Johnson City, Tex.

Roe v. Wade – Supreme Court decision establishing a women's right to abortion.

Roe v. Wade – Decisión de la Corte Suprema que estableció el derecho de las mujeres al aborto.





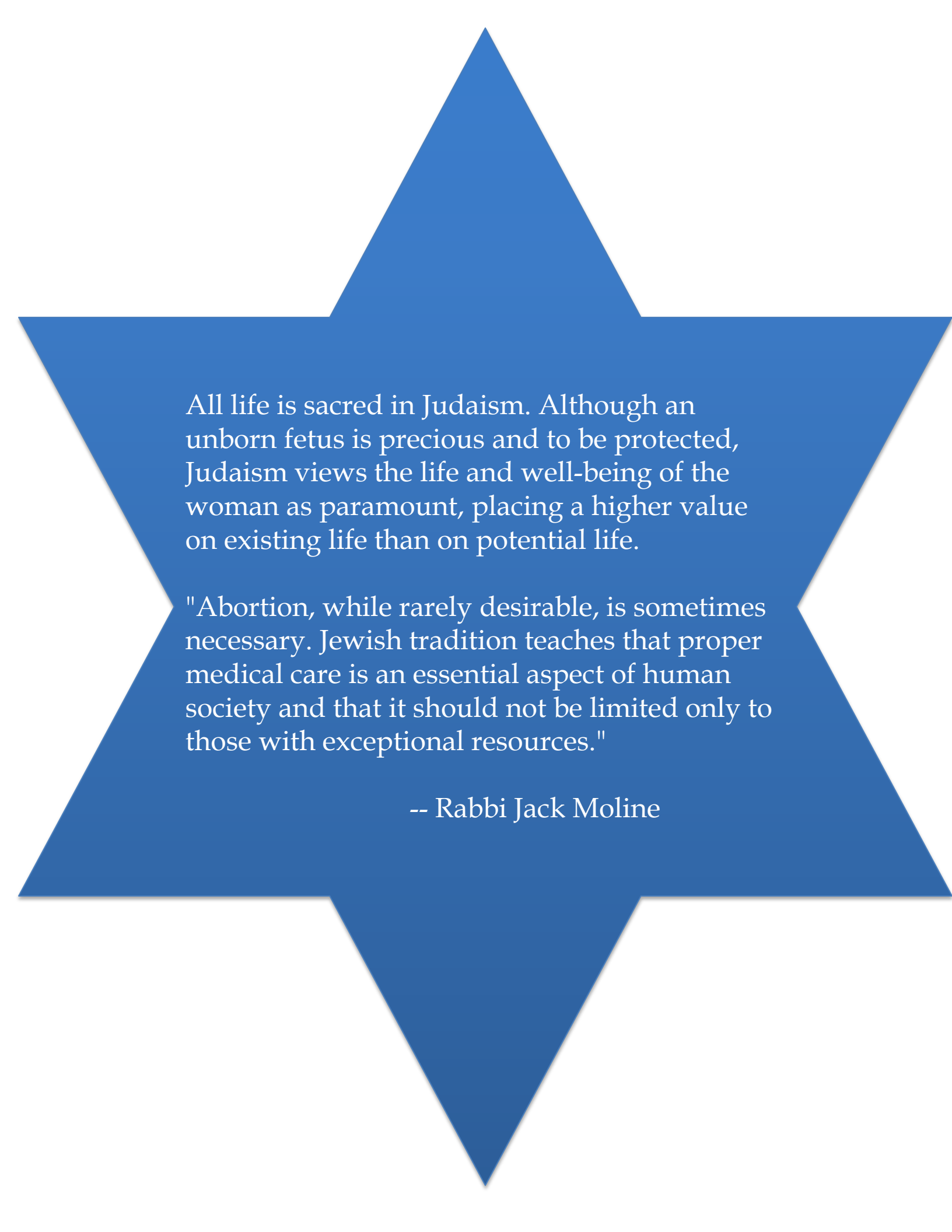
When I found out that I was pregnant, I was in a panic. I was too young to have a child!

New York was the only state with legal abortion. I gathered money from friends and took a bus to a clinic just outside NYC. I stayed in a dingy, dirty hotel room and dragged myself to the clinic in the morning. I was so frightened! But the nurses did not care, it was a cold, uncaring situation.

Alone, trembling and crying, I was given very little anesthesia, and after what seemed a lifetime of pain, I was rolled to a room to recover on my own. Soon I was told it was time to leave and I stumbled out of the clinic and back t that same dingy hotel.

That day I became determined to stand up and fight for Reproductive Rights for all girls and women and in every state.

-- Susan L.. Havurah member



All life is sacred in Judaism. Although an unborn fetus is precious and to be protected, Judaism views the life and well-being of the woman as paramount, placing a higher value on existing life than on potential life.

"Abortion, while rarely desirable, is sometimes necessary. Jewish tradition teaches that proper medical care is an essential aspect of human society and that it should not be limited only to those with exceptional resources."

-- Rabbi Jack Moline

1979

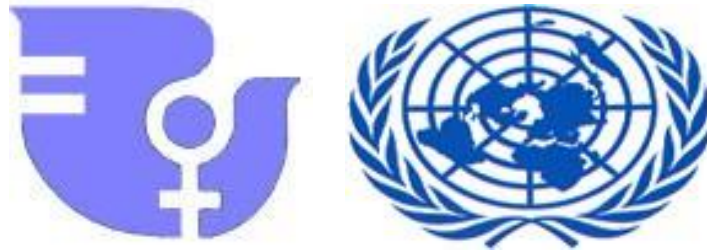


Hyde Amendment – made it illegal for federal Medicaid to pay for abortions except in the case of life endangerment for the pregnant woman.

Enmienda Hyde – ilegalizó que el Medicaid federal pagara abortos, salvo en caso de peligro para la vida de la mujer embarazada.



1979



Creation of the Convention on the
Elimination of all forms of
Discrimination Against Women – not
ratified by United States

*Creación de la Convención para la
Eliminación de todas las formas de
Discriminación contra la Mujer – no fue
ratificado por los Estados Unidos*



1980's

The Shot - Depo Provera



Phoenix and Oklahoma City Indian Health Services use Depo-Provera on Native women with disabilities, despite the fact that it wasn't approved by the FDA. Reason given was for "hygienic purposes" – or to stop the periods of patients with developmental disabilities.

1990's – DepoProvera is given to women of color in public health clinics, often without adequate medical information or consent

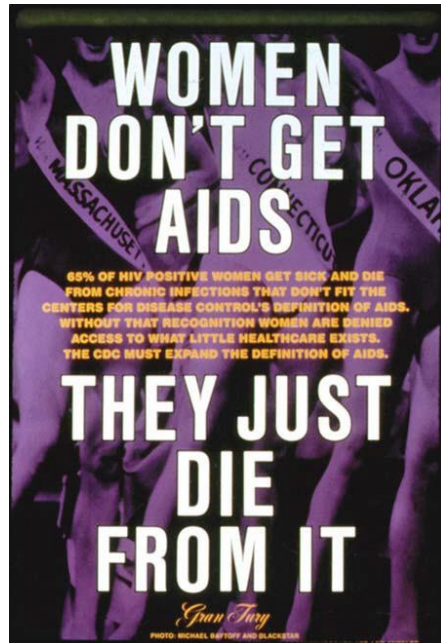
Antes de la aprobación por parte de la FDA, se descubrió que por lo menos durante 10 años, mujeres nativas americanas con profundo retraso mental en AZ, NM, UT, NV, IK y el sur de CA habían sido inyectadas con DP por los médicos del Servicio de Salud Indígena.

1990's – DepoProvera se suele dar a las mujeres de color en las clínicas de salud pública, sin información médica o consentimiento adecuados.

Source: DepoProvera Fact Sheet, Committee on Women, Population and the Environment, 2007



1993



Under pressure the CDC adds women's infections to the list of symptoms related to AIDS

Bajo presión, el CDC agrega las infecciones de mujeres a la lista de síntomas relacionados con el SIDA.



1996



Congress passes and President Clinton signs the Defense of Marriage Act banning marriage between same sex couples.

El Congreso aprueba y el Presidente Clinton firma la Ley de Defensa del Matrimonio, que prohíbe el matrimonio entre parejas del mismo sexo.



2000's



The *New York Times* reports that Alabama has adopted a new law to prevent children from being exposed to drugs--in and out of the womb.

El New York Times informa de que Alabama ha adoptado una nueva ley para evitar que los niños estén expuestos a las drogas – dentro y fuera del útero.

States begin passing laws criminalizing women who use drugs while pregnant.

Los estados comienzan a aprobar leyes que criminalizan a las mujeres que usan drogas mientras están embarazadas.



2003



Supreme Court strikes down a Texas state law banning sex between adults of the same sex in *Lawrence and Garner v. Texas*

La Corte Suprema declara inconstitucional una ley del estado de Texas que prohíbe el sexo entre personas del mismo sexo, en el caso Lawrence y Garner v. Texas



2003



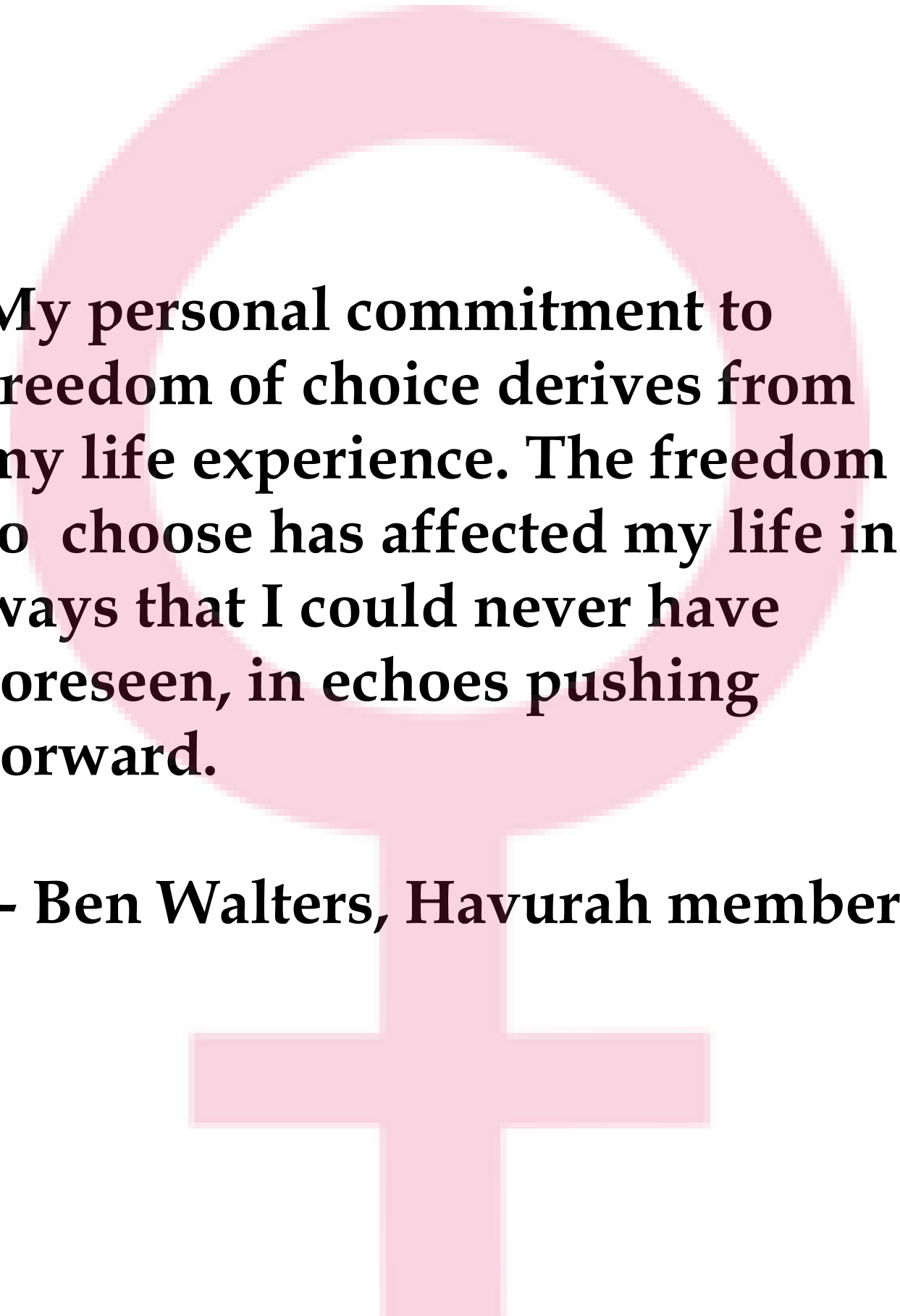
NH Gov. Benson signs Parental Notification, into law.

El gobernador Benson de NH firma la Notificación a los padres como ley.

Parental notification or consent laws pass around the country, restricting abortion access for minors under the age of 18.

Se aprueban leyes de notificación o consentimiento de los padres en distintos lugares del país, restringiendo el acceso al aborto a los menores de 18 años.





My personal commitment to freedom of choice derives from my life experience. The freedom to choose has affected my life in ways that I could never have foreseen, in echoes pushing forward.

-- Ben Walters, Havurah member

2005



More than 80% of women living with HIV or AIDS are women of color, and black women are 20 times more likely than white women to contract HIV.

Más del 81% de las mujeres que tienen SIDA y VIH son mujeres de color, y es 20 veces más probable que una mujer afro-americana contrae el VIH que una mujer blanca.

Source: Center for Disease Control, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, 2005.



2006



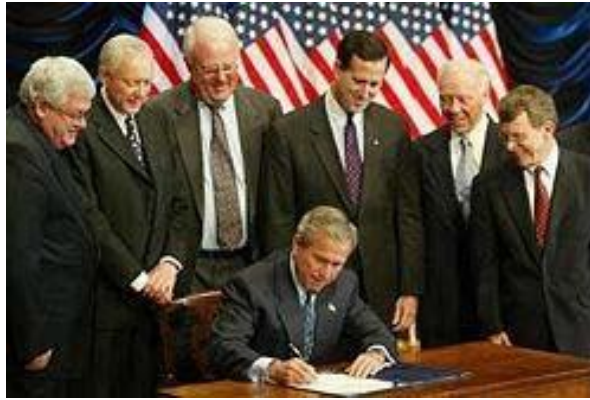
**Say no to the
South Dakota Hangers.
Support Americans
right to choose.**

3 states defeat attempts to restrict or ban
abortion –
SD, CA, OR

*3 estados derrotan intentos de restringir
o prohibir el aborto –
SD, CA, OR*



2007



George W. Bush signing the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, surrounded by members of Congress

George W. Bush firmando la Ley de Prohibición de Abortos por Parto Parcial de 2003, rodeado de miembros del Congreso.

Gonzales vs. Carhart: Supreme Court upholds bans on third-trimester abortions regardless of the health of a pregnant woman.

Gonzales vs. Carhart: La Corte Suprema mantiene las prohibiciones de abortos en el tercer trimestre, independientemente de la salud de la mujer embarazada.




2007



The Oregon Legislature passes bills creating domestic partnerships for same sex couples and anti-discrimination about LGBT people.

La legislatura de Oregon aprueba leyes que crean asociaciones domésticas para parejas del mismo sexo y antidiscriminación para personas LGBT.





Everyone deserves to be treated fairly and to make decisions about their own lives. That should go without saying!

-- Susan Baillet, Havurah member

2008



Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice, a leader in fighting the past 2 anti-choice initiatives in CA gets ready to fight again.

Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice, líder en la lucha contra las dos anteriores iniciativas contra el derecho de las mujeres a elegir en California, se prepara para luchar de nuevo.

California defeats third anti-choice ballot measure in November 2008. Californians have already defeated similar initiatives twice before in 2005 and 2006.

California afrontará una tercera medida a votación contra el aborto en noviembre de 2008. Los californianos ya han derrotado iniciativas similares dos veces en 2005 y 2006.

