

Notes: October 17, 2020

Start: 10 AM

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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: L'Chaim – To The Life Of The Unborn

As we continue the cycle of studying Torah through the Parsha whereby we begin "In the Beginning" with Bereshit I will be focusing on what I consider the most important takeaway from this Parsha, this portion of Scripture – Life.

Our journey cannot begin until Adonai says "go"

In these opening chapters we are introduced to many firsts, in other words, an origin story.

We are introduced to:

- The Creator of Life (who technically has no origin)
- The Creation that has been given life
- The authority of the One who establishes life
- The sanctity of life
- The mitzvah to bring forth life

We are first introduced to our Creator when uttered "Let there be light" and a mere five days later on the six day He says:

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in the likeness of ourselves; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth."

Adonai, our Lord and Creator said, let us make humankind in our image and likeness. He had chosen to make His creation to look like Him and to be like Him.

Gen 1:27 So God created humankind in his own image; in the image of God he created him: male and female he created them.

We were one physical body yet with two distinct identities – male and female:

Gen 2:7 Then Adonai, God, formed a person [*Hebrew: adam*] from the dust of the ground [*Hebrew: adamah*] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, so that he became a living being.

- We were formed in the image of Adonai (a visible representation / impression)
- We have taken on the likeness of Adonai through the breath of Adonai, for which life was established. He is alive therefore we have been made alive through Him. We have been created with all His attributes.

Then we read of Adonai separating man from woman...

Gen 2:18 Adonai, God, said, "It isn't good that the person should be alone. I will make for him a companion suitable for helping him."

Gen 2:21 Then God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the person; and while he was sleeping, he took one of his ribs and closed up the place from which he took it with flesh.

Gen 2:22 The rib which Adonai, God, had taken from the person, he made a woman-person; and he brought her to the man-person.

Gen 2:23 The man-person said, "At last! This is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh. She is to be called Woman [*Hebrew: ishah*], because she was taken out of Man [*Hebrew: ish*]."

Gen 2:24 This is why a man is to leave his father and mother and stick with his wife, and they are to be one flesh.

We were instructed to come together and bring forth life – "be fruitful and multiply".

The giver of life has instructed us to bring forth life. I would call this a positive mitzvah.

We read further in Bereshit that Adonai's creation does multiply...

Gen 4:1 The man had sexual relations with Havah his wife; she conceived, gave birth to Kayin [*acquisition*] and said, "I have acquired a man from Adonai."

Gen 4:2 In addition she gave birth to his brother Hevel. Hevel kept sheep, while Kayin worked the soil.

Adam and Havah bore two sons Kayin and Hevel. So, for the first time we see Adonai's creation bringing forth life as they were instructed to do. Adam and Havah would go on to have many children. Even their children began to have children:

Gen 4:17 Kayin had sexual relations with his wife; she conceived and gave birth to Hanokh. Kayin built a city and named the city after his son Hanokh.

And thus the genealogy of Adam would continue with the line through his son Shet (Seth) being recorded and thus memorialized in Bereshit 5.

So, the origin of life as established by Adonai has been established and thus the continuation to bring forth life exists to this day. This mitzvah has not been recinded or changed. It still exists.

Thus, if Adonai has established life, as creator, isn't He the only one who can end it? We have seen established in our society the "rights of the owner" For this concept also originate from Adonai. We have seen it with regards to land,

specifically in relation to Israel and the land promised by Adonai:

Gen 13:15 All the land you see I will give to you and your descendants forever,

Gen 13:16 and I will make your descendants as numerous as the specks of dust on the earth—so that if a person can count the specks of dust on the earth, then your descendants can be counted.

Gen 13:17 Get up and walk through the length and breadth of the land, because I will give it to you."

Gen 15:7 Then he said to him, "I am Adonai, who brought you out from Ur-Kasdim to give you this land as your possession."

For which Israel would be given mishpatim regarding the land. They would be given laws pertaining to the land such as shmittah whereby the land is to rest every seventh year.

For which Israel would be given mitzvot pertaining to living in the land

Deu 28:1 "If you listen closely to what Adonai your God says, observing and obeying all his mitzvot which I am giving you today, Adonai your God will raise you high above all the nations on earth;

Deu 28:2 and all the following blessings will be yours in abundance—if you will do what Adonai your God says:

Deu 28:15 "But if you refuse to pay attention to what Adonai your God says, and do not observe and obey all his mitzvot and regulations which I am giving you today, then all the following curses will be yours in abundance:

With the final punishment being expulsion from the land:

Deu 30:1 "When the time arrives that all these things have come upon you, both the blessing and the curse which I have presented to you; and you are there among the nations to which Adonai your God has driven you; then, at last, you will start thinking about what has happened to you;

Lev 26:40 Then they will confess their misdeeds and those of their ancestors which they committed against me in their rebellion; they will admit that they went against me.

Lev 26:41 At that time I will be going against them, bringing them into the lands of their enemies. But if their uncircumcised hearts will grow humble, and they are paid the punishment for their misdeeds;

For Adonai's Word confirms His authority over all He has established.

Gen 14:19 so he blessed him with these words: "Blessed be Avram by El `Elyon, maker of heaven of earth.

Act 4:24 When they heard it, they raised their voices to God with singleness of heart. "Master," they prayed, "You made heaven, earth, the sea and everything in them.

And that authority would be established by Adonai through His Son...

Mat 28:18 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

This is truly a testament to Bereshit 1 and all that has been established by Adonai.

So, why did I talk about "an owner's rights"?

It was to establish an authority that has not been revoked. The owner, in this case the Creator has not changed anything pertaining to life. What was true six thousand years ago remains true today.

So, is our Declaration of Independence wrong?

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,

Did the framers get it wrong?

Before I go on, let me define for you unalienable in that it is a word that is not often used today. The only place you will likely encounter it is in our country's Declaration of Independence.

Unalienable - not transferable to another or not capable of being taken away or denied

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>

I say this because today it is not self-evident. This truth does not appear to be obvious and without doubt based on the narrative of the last 47 years in this country and the history of the world.

Life does not appear to be a right afforded to everyone. What I am about to share with you will likely make you uncomfortable. Some of what you will see will likely shock you.

I am not apologizing.

What you are seeing is an "Abortion Counter"

<http://www.numberofabortions.com/>

It has been established by an organization called Guttmacher. This is not a pro-life organization but were actually affiliated with Planned Parenthood.

*The **Guttmacher Institute** is a pro-choice research organization established in 1968, works to study, educate, and advance sexual and reproductive health and rights. The organization works mainly in the United States but also focuses on developing countries. The Guttmacher Institute uses studies to help support policy making and program reform.*

The Institute is named after obstetrician-gynecologist and the former president of Planned Parenthood, Alan F. Guttmacher. The Guttmacher Institute has many sources of funding nationally and internationally. [4] One of the Institute's biggest projects is keeping a running list of the reproductive health laws and policies throughout the United States.

The Guttmacher Institute isn't affiliated with a political party, and so it is nonpartisan in the strict sense of the word. It is true that the group does work to "ensure that all women are able to exercise their reproductive rights and responsibilities," which puts them among advocates of abortion rights. However, according to Factcheck.org, Guttmacher "provides the most highly respected statistics on the sexual health of women and men. Its figures on abortion are widely cited by the media as well as by groups on both sides of the political aisle."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guttmacher_Institute

If you were to Google abortion numbers for this country you will likely be directed towards the CDC. Based on what I have read and heard via my own interview with a pro-life advocate, the CDC numbers are greatly under reported for several reasons. Needless to say, the Factcheck.org assessment provides a third party assessment.

The debate of life pertaining to abortion has been ongoing for quite some time. Its framing of the narrative has been

changed over this time.

Pro Abortion didn't affirm the position so a less offensive more positive description was developed "Pro-Choice"

The narrative you will hear most frequently is about a woman's right to control her own body.

An additional narrative has been developed regarding life and when it begins – conception or birth?

Then the narrative becomes more refined and addresses sustainability of life. When can a "fetus" survive outside the womb.

Then another factor is brought into the narrative – rape, incest or high risk pregnancy where the mother's life is at risk. What happens in those cases?

All are justifications to support a position that continues to polarize this nation and lacks any support from the Creator of life.

This is not an anti-woman message but a pro life message. The narrative has been framed – if you are pro-choice you are against women. This is false on so many fronts.

Is the life created responsible for anything that transpired?

The idea of framing this as a matter of choice and control over a woman's body misses the mark. The narrative has been moved forward and should actually be directed backwards. When you move the narrative back to the first choice that is made, you now bring not just the woman, but also the man into the narrative. Last I checked, it still takes two to make a baby and there is only one way to do so.

The choice should not be what happens after sex, after life is conceived but what happens before sex.

Adonai has given us both a gift and a responsibility. We are given the responsibility to teach our children.

To conflate the two is intended to deceive, Deception is one of the tactics of the adversary. We should all be aware to his devices.

Let's talk about sustainability of life. Through greater understanding and technology, a baby born at 20 weeks is no longer considered a death sentence in that medical professionals are able to sustain life outside the womb.

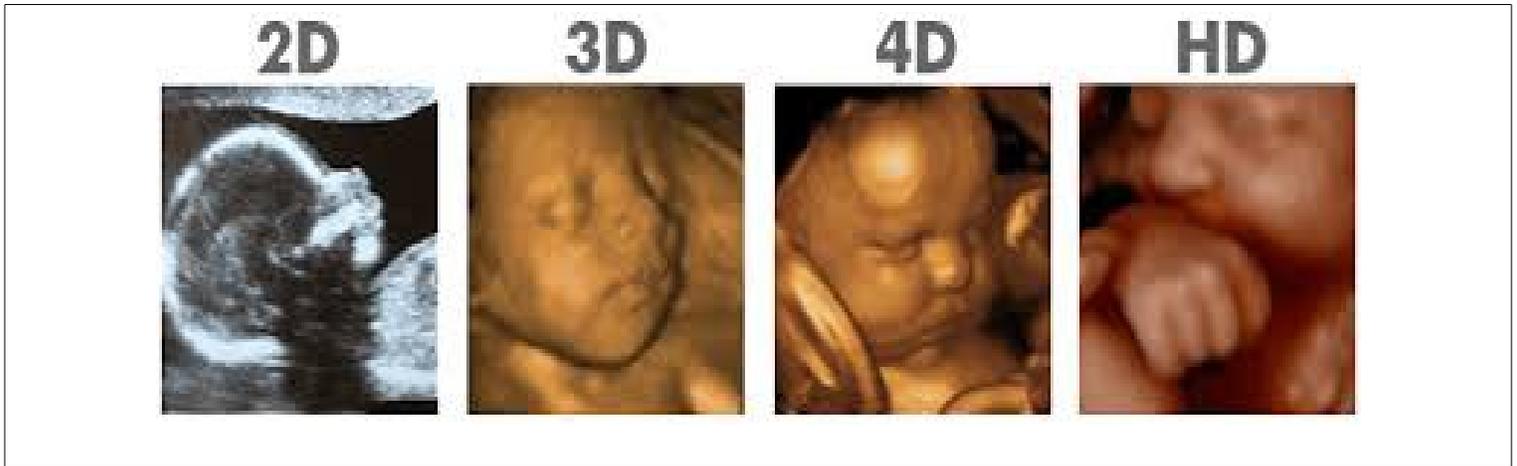
What do we know by 16 weeks?

Why is there a "After 16 weeks gestation" abortion counter? There is a lot of argument about "When does life begin" ? It would seem to be pretty hard for anyone to argue that a baby at 16 weeks gestation "is just a blob of tissue" based on what the scientific community knows today about the development of a baby at 16 weeks:

- The body is fully formed, the fingers and toes have fingerprints & nails.*
- Is about 5 inches long and weighs about 3 ounces, about the size of a large avocado.*
- The baby is moving about: may grasp for the umbilical cord , suck it's thumb, and is capable of making facial expressions and kicking at the amniotic sac.*
- The heart & circulatory system and the urinary tract are fully functioning. and the blood is pumping through these tiny veins*
- The baby is inhaling and exhaling the amniotic fluid through the lungs.*
- The eyes are in the proper position, and the baby can see straight ahead & blink his/her eyelids.*
- The genitals have formed. In the case of a girl, the uterus has already developed and the ovaries are in the proper place.*

Today, abortions are trending down, At its peak in the early 1990's our nation experienced between 1.3 and 1.5 million abortions. This year it will be under 900,000. To put this in perspective this is the equivalent of 70% of Maine's population.

One reason is due to technology. Here you have a comparison of images from the most familiar 2D sonogram to those of high definition sonograms. The images are striking when you consider these are at the 16 week point of a pregnancy.



<http://www.numberofabortions.com/>

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/abortion-rates-by-country>

In the 1990's the narrative about abortion was same and rare. Today, we are talking not only about abortion in the 9th month but post birth abortion. The narrative has become even more in just a single generation. Half the country supports this position framed as "Choice" Even some church denominations support "choice" which is code for being pro-abortion. At some point we are going to have Laurice share more about the underworld of abortion. If you are uncomfortable now...

The author of life has not retracted His authority.

Job 10:9 Please remember that you made me, like clay; will you return me to dust?

Job 10:10 Didn't you pour me out like milk, then let me thicken like cheese?

Job 10:11 You clothed me with skin and flesh you knit me together with bones and sinews.

Job 10:12 You granted me life and grace; your careful attention preserved my spirit.

Iyov would concur with the authority of Adonai pertaining to life

Likewise the Psalmists would concur.

Psa 139:13 For you fashioned my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psa 139:14 I thank you because I am awesomely made, wonderfully; your works are wonders—I know this very well.

Psa 139:15 My bones were not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Psa 139:16 Your eyes could see me as an embryo, but in your book all my days were already written; my days had been shaped before any of them existed.

Psa 22:9 But you are the one who took me from the womb, you made me trust when I was on my mother's breasts.

Psa 22:10 Since my birth I've been thrown on you; you are my God from my mother's womb.

Psa 22:11 Don't stay far from me, for trouble is near; and there is no one to help.

There is a pro-choice message you can share.

There is a pro-choice message you can live by...

Deu 30:19 "I call on heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have presented you with life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life, so that you will live, you and your descendants,

Deu 30:20 loving Adonai your God, paying attention to what he says and clinging to him—for that is the purpose of your life! On this depends the length of time you will live in the land Adonai swore he would give to your ancestors Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov."

Today I have only really touched on the aspect regarding Adonai's authority as the giver of life. There is so much I could have shared in further framing this battle for the life of the unborn.

I did not talk about in detail...

- **SCIENCE/BIOLOGY:**

All science speaks with one voice, including abortionists, that the pre-born are human. Many in the abortion industry, including the abortionists or OBGYNs, themselves, tell their patients that the fetus is a baby.

- **LAW/LEGALITY:**

The question is not whether or not they are human. The question is whether or not they are persons. The 1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton cases were not about questioning the humanity of the preborn, but about denying the personhood of the pre-born. In both cases, person hood rights of the unborn were stripped away, from the moment of conception.

- **ETHICS/MORALITY:**

It is immoral and unethical to kill innocent human beings, simply because they are unwanted, or because there is value in their death.

- **DEMONIC INFLUENCE**

The nature of abortion is directly connected to that of child sacrifice toward Ba'al and Molech

- **VARIOUS CHURCH DENOMINATION POSITIONS**

You may be surprised that Life of the unborn is not a universally accepted position in the body of Messiah.

We will share more in time.

Today you have heard from the one who has given life.

This was not a political message but life of the unborn message. Unfortunately, this has become political. Know that your voice will be heard in less than three weeks and this is something you will ultimately decide by your vote.

Today we say – L'CHAIM – TO LIFE; BARUCH ATAH ADONAI – BLESSED ARE YOU OUR LORD.