

Notes: January 20, 2018

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Shabbat Shalom – Service Begins
2. God Bless America: *Prayer for America and it's Leadership*
3. Children's Song: *Our God Will Lead*
4. Children's Lesson: *Difference between Prayer and Much-Speaking*
5. Children's Blessing and Dismissal to Class
6. Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer
7. Matovu
8. Drash – *Alan Lewis – Pressing On To Maturity: Learning to Love One Another*
9. Name of God For the Week: *Ah-doe-nigh Tseh-vah-oat – Lord of Hosts*
10. Liturgy
11. Prayer
12. Worship in Music and Dance
13. Rabbi Stephen's Message: *L'Chaim*
14. Kiddush
15. Oneg: *Prepared by Oneg Team 3*
16. Torah Parsha Study: *Bo אב – Sh'mot (Exodus) 10:1-13:16*
17. Next week's Parsha: *Beshalach בְּשַׁלַּח – Sh'mot (Exodus) 13:17-17:16*

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

Tomorrow is Sanctity of Human Life Day in which we are not just honoring life but the giver of life.

President [Ronald Reagan](#) issued a presidential proclamation on January 13, 1984, designating Sunday, Jan 22, 1984 as National Sanctity of Human Life Day noting that it was the 11th anniversary of [Roe v. Wade](#), in which, the Supreme Court issued a ruling that guaranteed women access to abortion. [\[1\]](#) President Reagan was a strong pro-life advocate who said that in *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court, "Struck down our laws protecting the lives of unborn children."[\[2\]](#)

Reagan issued the proclamation annually thereafter, designating Sanctity of Human Life Day to be the closest Sunday to the original January 22 date.

We did not evolve from a single cell over millions of years into our current form.

We did not evolve from animals into our current form.

From the beginning,

Gen 2:6 Rather, a mist went up from the earth which watered the entire surface of the ground.

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.

Adonai breathed life into us.

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."

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.

Gen 1:28 God blessed them: God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air and every living creature that crawls on the earth."

He made us in His image and likeness.

Psalm 139 says...

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.

Yet, from the beginning there has been an attack on this gift we have been given.

The adversary has been intent on destroying us, destroying life. Consider Adonai's instruction to the adversary on a second encounter concerning Job...

Job 2:6 Adonai said to the Adversary, "Here! He is in your hands, except that you are to spare his life."

A specific restriction – you are to spare his life. You cannot kill him, you cannot take his life.

Our lives are a constant reminder to the adversary that we inhabit Adonai's image and likeness. Meaning, we are a constant reminder of the one who punished him.

Then in Leviticus 18, that identifies immoral and un-God-like behavior Israel is instructed...

Lev 18:2 "Speak to the people of Isra'el; tell them, 'I am Adonai your God.

Lev 18:3 You are not to engage in the activities found in the land of Egypt, where you used to live; and you are not to engage in the activities found in the land of Kena`an, where I am bringing you; nor are you to live by their laws.

For which one of these activities is...

Lev 18:21 " 'You are not to let any of your children be sacrificed to Molekh, thereby profaning the name of your God; I am Adonai.

Molekh is the name of a [Canaanite god](#) associated with [child sacrifice](#). A false god, created by man for which Adonai warns Israel...

Lev 20:2 "Say to the people of Isra'el, 'If someone from the people of Isra'el or one of the foreigners living in Isra'el sacrifices one of his children to Molekh, he must be put to death; the people of the land are to stone him to death.

Lev 20:3 I too will set myself against him and cut him off from his people, because he has sacrificed his child to Molekh, defiling my sanctuary and profaning my holy name.

Lev 20:4 If the people of the land look the other way when that man sacrifices his child to Molekh and fail to put him to death,

Lev 20:5 then I will set myself against him, his family and everyone who follows him to go fornicating after Molekh, and cut them off from their people.

Yet we have in our history this all too real moment...

1Ki 11:6 Thus Shlomo did what was evil in Adonai's view and did not fully follow Adonai, as David his father had done.

1Ki 11:7 Shlomo built a high place for K'mosh the abomination of Mo'av on the hill in front of Yerushalayim, and another for Molekh the abomination of the people of `Amon.

1Ki 11:8 This is what he did for all his foreign wives, who then offered and sacrificed to their gods.

1Ki 11:9 So Adonai grew angry with Shlomo, because his heart had turned away from Adonai the God of Isra'el, who had appeared to him twice

1Ki 11:10 and given him orders concerning this matter that he should not follow other gods. But he didn't obey Adonai's orders.

1Ki 11:11 So Adonai said to Shlomo, "Since this is what has been in your mind, and you haven't kept my covenant and my regulations which I ordered you to obey, I will tear the kingdom from you and give it to your servant.

1Ki 11:12 However, for David your father's sake I won't do it while you are alive, but I will tear it away from your son.

1Ki 11:13 Even then, I won't tear away all the kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Yerushalayim, which I have chosen."

It was Shlomo's actions that led to a divided kingdom.

When you get an opportunity, read what King Yoshiyahu did in removing all that previous Kings had done (2 Kings 23)

Today, it has been conveyed that we as a nation have perpetuated the same stain on our nation as Israel did.

We have gone against the one who brought forth life, by choosing who has the right to live or not live.

Substitute the sacrifice to Molekh to the god of self.

Less than 5% of all abortions are as a result of rape, incest or the mother's life being endangered. Meaning, 95% of all abortions are elective.

Through the legalization of abortion in 1973, approximately 60,000,000 pregnancies have been terminated.

To where the debate of when life begins became part of our conversation

An annual poll released Wednesday by [The Knights of Columbus and Marist](#) on Americans' abortion views

The poll also found that 62 percent of Americans said they believe life begins within the first three months of a woman's pregnancy. Among those who believe life begins at conception, 46 percent said they believe so because it is "a biological and scientific fact," versus 45 percent who said they believe it based on "a philosophical or religious belief."

An open ended and debatable question – when does life begin? Is definitive and finite when you believe that the Word of Adonai is the final authority in this matter. Yet, you have subjective reasoning by those who do not consider the Word of Adonai to be the final authority. Because of this you have many views, opinions and conclusions, ultimately intended to support a specific position.

Yet, our very foundation as a nation as constructed by our framers of this nation convey something absolute.

"The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for, among old parchments, or musty records. They are written, as with a sun beam in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself; and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power." — Alexander Hamilton, 1775

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

Self-evident - not needing to be demonstrated or explained; obvious.

Unalienable – can not be taken away.

He formed us in His image and likeness

He breathed life into us

He knew us in our mother's womb

He is the one who gives life. Only He is the one that can take like.

Is there any other reason why Adonai's book is called the Book of Life?

Exo 32:32 Now, if you will just forgive their sin! But if you won't, then, I beg you, blot me out of your book which you have written!"

Exo 32:33 Adonai answered Moshe, "Those who have sinned against me are the ones I will blot out of my book.

Only Adonai can remove someone from His Book.

Yeshua said...

Joh 10:7 So Yeshua said to them again, "Yes, indeed! I tell you that I am the gate for the sheep.

Joh 10:8 All those who have come before me have been thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them.

Joh 10:9 I am the gate; if someone enters through me, he will be safe and will go in and out and find pasture.

Joh 10:10 The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure.

Yeshua is the path to this abundant life

Joh 14:6 Yeshua said, "I AM the Way — and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me.

The positive message of this verse is available to everyone. Yeshua is the Way by which everyone comes to the Father: his work and his very person both show us and give us all we need to be in a right personal relationship with God. More than that, he is not merely a way, a path, but the goal itself-Truth and eternal Life. And all this is conditioned only on our holding to our trust in him, so that we keep God's commands.

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."

So, today, and hopefully everyday, you will not only choose life, but you will live the life that Adonai has given you in the fullness afforded us by Yeshua.

It is not just life in this body, but also eternal life with Adonai, life in His Kingdom that you are choosing.

In a [survey conducted by the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates \(NIFLA\)](#), a network of pro-life pregnancy centers, reported confirming 75,318 pregnancies through ultrasound technology in 2013 on patients identified as either seriously considering an abortion or open to getting an abortion. Of those, 78 percent – or 58,634 – chose to carry their baby to term after seeing an ultrasound image of their child in the womb.

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2018/01/19/march-for-life-reminds-us-that-attitudes-on-abortion-are-changing-one-beautiful-ultrasound-at-time.html>

<https://www.christianliferesources.com/article/u-s-abortion-statistics-by-year-1973-current-1042>

So on this day, Shabbat today; tomorrow the Sanctity of Human Life; , and everyday be when we give thanks for the life we have been given and by whom it has been given to where we say...

L'Chaim – To Life