

“Today we pray for freedom, safety, and health for all those who can become pregnant.

We affirm the choice to end a pregnancy. We assert that the life of the pregnant person is paramount!

We declare that the body of each person belongs to them! We echo our rabbis: P’shita – gufah hi, It’s obvious – it’s her body!

We uplift the right to have a child, the right to not have a child, and the right to parent children in safe and healthy environments.

We demand sexual autonomy and gender freedom for every human being.

We look to our laws, mishpatim, for guidance, as a starting point. We look to the lived experiences, to the real stories, of people who can become pregnant, as our motivation. We do this work for each of them.

**Our rabbinic sages teach, *It is not our job to complete the work, but we cannot and we will not give up!*
(English translation of Lo Alecha)”**

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