

REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, calls upon its nationwide membership to reaffirm this organization's mandate for freedom of choice. We support the right of women everywhere to full and complete access to reproductive health care services.

Hadassah is outraged by the Supreme Court's decision in Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania vs. Casey and views this decision as a further erosion of a woman's right to reproductive choice as well as an invitation to increased governmental interference in the most private aspect of women's lives.

In light of the Casey decision, the battle to secure our reproductive rights will now move to the halls of Congress as well as state legislatures, where Hadassah can be most effective.

Hadassah calls upon its nationwide membership to significantly increase its advocacy on behalf of the Freedom of Choice Act, a bill which restores the protection of Roe v. Wade by prohibiting state legislatures from interfering with the fundamental right of choice.

Further, we urge our regions and chapters to educate their respective members with regard to any attempt by their own legislatures to restrict or interfere with a woman's right choose in accordance with her religious, moral and ethical values.

Hadassah opposes any attempts to restrict, through state administrative regulations, legislation, or court action, the right to reproductive choice and/or use of family planning programs delivering any and all services.

Hadassah urges chapters to join in coalitions with freedom of choice advocacy groups, participating as full members in pro-choice activities.