

Kohenet statement in Response to *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization*

Kohenet brings holy outrage in response to today's historical moment, in which six US Supreme Court justices revoked the decades-old right to legal access to abortion. This decision is not only in violation of Jewish values and the protection of religious freedom, it also violates the dignity of those who are forced to remain pregnant against their will.

Further, we understand that this decision sets precedent for the court to revoke access to birth control and to overturn marriage equality and other LGBTQ+ rights.

We are a community committed to embodied and earth-based Jewish practice, to feminism, and to counter-oppressive spirituality which obligates us to compassion and to solidarity, and action on behalf of those most impacted by this decision. We live out this mandate with pride, vowing to fight for safe access to reproductive healthcare for all bodies, no matter their faith or location, and taking seriously the imperative to work towards a world that is more equitable and just.

We remain committed to protecting the rights of trans and queer people, particularly those of color, acknowledging that the impact of today's decision goes well beyond heterosexual cis-women. We know that this decision affects each of us differently and uphold that, regardless of what body we inhabit, we are each entitled to body sovereignty as a human right.

Jewish tradition calls upon us to cease and rest on Shabbat. We offer blessings that this Shabbat be restorative, bringing vibrant dreams of a liberated world. May we rest deep this Shabbat, and may we emerge renewed and ready to face all that awaits us on the other side.

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