Press Release

ABANDONED LIFE: WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH ABANDONED FROZEN EMBRYOS?

- IN THIS TIME OF TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE,
IT IS TIME TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF NEW LIFE -

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Craig R. Sweet, M.D., a Reproductive Endocrinologist, has 61 abandoned frozen embryos. The reasons for the abandonment remain unclear since the parents cannot be found. The fate of these abandoned embryos remains uncertain.

Dr. Sweet and Rabbi Diamond will be speaking on this topic on Friday, September 21, 2001, at 7:30 PM, Temple Beth El, 16225 Winkler Road in Fort Myers.

It is undecided if the embryos should be destroyed, donated to needy couples or given to science for such procedures as stem cell research. The ethical, moral, legal and religious perspectives will be discussed.

At a time where a few have taken the lives of so many, it is also an ideal time to discuss the fate of these potential lives. Please clear all Temple media visits with the Temple office prior to Friday evening at 433-0018. All are invited to attend.

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