



# Advocacy Update

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In response to the New York City Landmarks Preservation Committee's unanimous vote to permit the building of the Cordoba House mosque and community center in lower Manhattan, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, and Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, issued a [joint statement](#) welcoming the planned construction. They note, "The principle of religious freedom on which the United States was founded has demonstrated that our nation is strengthened by the faith of its citizens and the houses of worship in which they gather."

Read the full statement, which can be found on the [Religious Action Center website](#).

## **Educate Yourself: Health Care Reform and Breast Cancer**

The National Breast Cancer Coalition has prepared a [recorded presentation](#) to help you become informed about the important new protections that the health care reform legislation provides. The presentation, "What Does Health Care Reform Implementation Mean for Breast Cancer Survivors?", gives NBCC's perspective on the essential elements of the Affordable Care Act. It also provides tools to educate your sisterhood community about the act. Please visit [NBCC's Action Center](#) for more information about health care reform and helpful resources including FAQs, talking points for meetings and language for writing to your temple or local newspaper editors.

## **Take Action: Call For Peace In The Sudan**

Save Darfur has alerted us to [House Resolution 1588](#), introduced on July 30th, which calls for ongoing involvement by the U.S. and the international community in support of Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement and the upcoming referenda in South Sudan and Abyei. The [resolution](#) also addresses the need to hold free, fair and credible referenda in South Sudan and Abyei on time "and that if the outcome of the southern Sudan referendum is independence, two stable and viable democratic states result."