



# Advocacy Update

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On Friday, September 17th, Yom Kippur begins at sundown. The sonorous and mournful words and melody of Kol Nidre usher us into a day of prayer, introspection, and tshuvah - repentance. We want to share with you the September 13, 2010, [10 Minutes of Torah](#), with two very different, enriching, interpretations of Jonah, the Yom Kippur afternoon Haftarah reading.

**We wish you a meaningful fast and a fulfilling year.**

**Read Jonathan D. Sarna on the U.S. Jewish Community Response to Proposed Changes to Israeli Conversion Law**

The Association of Reform Zionists of America, ARZA, has posted on its website an important and very interesting [article](#) by the scholar Jonathan D. Sarna, under the headline “Recent contretemps in Israel served to underscore the surprising and recent cohesion among the branches of U.S. Judaism.” Sarna discusses the unexpected but very welcome community-wide and united Jewish response to the proposed changes in Israel’s conversion law. He tells us that, “American Jews of all persuasions came together to voice an opinion that, while nuanced, was still unanimous: The bill was bad news.” Read his important discussion and analysis on the ARZA website.