



# Advocacy Update

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## **Take Action on Equality for Reform Rabbis in Israel**

In this week's Pluralist, Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, asked for our help in supporting IRAC's continuing fight in the Israeli Supreme Court "for Miri Gold to be the first Reform rabbi recognized by the State of Israel."

Rabbi Miri Gold serves a congregation the Gezer Region. She is one of fifteen rabbis, fourteen of whom are Orthodox. The fourteen receive government recognition and a salary. Only Rabbi Gold receives neither.

Anat Hoffman is asking IRAC supporters globally to help keep pressure on Israel's Minister for Religious Services, Minister Yakov Margi, from the Ultra-Orthodox Shas Party, who oversees all rabbis employed by the State. She is asking us "to flood his inbox with thousands of emails showing him that stalling is a tactic that will fail." [Click here now](#) to send your emails to Minister Yakov Magri.

**Experience the WRJ Blog:** <http://blogs.rj.org/wrj>

Don't miss the Women of Reform Judaism blog! Just a quick look at recent postings will demonstrate the up-to-date and important stories with which you can connect:

- Peter Radvanszki, fifth year student at the rabbinical seminary Leo Baeck and recipient of a WRJ YES Fund grant, writes about Toulouse, France – before and after the recent terror attack.
- Kareen S. Hartwig, member of the WRJ Executive Committee, provides a concise view of the ways that WRJ has worked "to bring justice and fairness to our world."
- Jeanne W. Kahn, member of the WRJ Executive Committee, shares her excitement about having participated in key Washington meetings on the Violence Against Women Act and reproductive rights. If you then scroll down you will be able to read stimulating blogs by WRJ members, rabbis, even an anonymous blogger. You too can share your insights.

To be part of the conversation, simply select topics that you think will stimulate discussion. For example:

- Share your thoughts about an inspirational sisterhood experience.
- Write about what led you to become active in sisterhood and how best to reach out to young women.
- Discuss a family experience you value.