



Advocacy Update

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Terror Attacks in Israel

Last week's appalling terror attacks in Israel draw our attention to the Israeli-Egyptian border and its new challenges to Israeli security. Become informed! Read an analysis of these challenges and the events occurring in the aftermath of the attacks that appeared by Leslie Susser in the August 23rd issue of JTA: The Global News Service of the Jewish People.

Drought and Famine in East Africa

WRJ's July 17th social justice e-mail urged sisterhoods to make donations to the URJ Disaster Relief Fund for disaster relief efforts in East Africa to provide food, water and humanitarian aid to Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti, and Somalia, where a devastating drought has caused the deterioration of crops and livestock. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a donation, do so now and make sure to indicate Africa Relief in the "Comments" field.

Although individual and organizational donations for aid to East Africa continue to be essential, today we are calling on you to urge your senators and representatives to maintain the United States' funding for international food aid. Click here for more information and an American Jewish World Service electronic letter to Congress.

Paycheck Fairness Act

For many months WRJ has been keeping you and your sisterhoods informed about recent pay equity issues and urging you to take action. We are doing so once again. As you know, women earn only an average of seventy-eight cents for every dollar earned by men — and we think it is time for a change! It is time for Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, legislation that would close loopholes and help women achieve pay equity.

You can take immediate action to end pay discrimination against women – let Congress know that equal work deserves equal pay.