



# Advocacy Update

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## **Updates from the RAC**

### **High Holy Days: A Social Justice Guide**

The High Holy Days are a time of personal reflection; considering the year past and the year that is yet to be. As we stand again on the threshold of the New Year, we must recognize our partnership with God in creation and commit ourselves to tikkun olam. The Days of Awe High Holy Days Social Action Guide provides resources to help integrate and incorporate social action programming into your holiday practices.

### **Oppose Weakened Environmental Standards for Drilling Operations**

This remains a top priority for the Reform Movement on Capitol Hill. With new domestic offshore oil drilling projects on track to begin in the Arctic this summer, the need for federal safety and environmental standards for drilling operations could not be more clear. Take action today by urging your Senator to oppose S. 1226, legislation that seeks to block the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating offshore drilling operations.

For more information contact [The Religious Action Center](#), at 202-387-2800.

### **Urgent plea from Anat Hoffman, Israel Religious Action Center**

**Please sign our petition!**

Earlier this week, four women were detained at the Western Wall for wearing a tallit. The authorities say they were disturbing the public peace... and violated a regulation by performing a religious act that "offends the feelings of others."

IRAC fights all layers of gender segregation in Israel, and I believe that the Kotel [Western Wall] is ground-zero in the fight against gender exclusion... The key to changing the status quo is in the hands of the authorities that run the Kotel, the Western Wall Heritage Foundation. This is why IRAC and the IMPJ are about to go to Israel's Supreme Court to demand a change in the make-up of the Western Wall Heritage Council, which is currently made up completely of Orthodox Jews.

[Click here](#) to sign our Kotel petition asking for the Western Wall Heritage Council to include a diverse membership.

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