



Advocacy Update

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Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence Event

Earlier this week, Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence – a coalition of which WRJ is a proud member– held an event in which religious leaders came together to demand that political leaders respond to the gun violence in the U.S. At the event, a letter was read (that was signed by our own Rabbi Marla J. Feldman!) calling upon President Obama and Congress to require every person who buys a gun to pass a criminal background check and to remove high capacity weapons and ammunition magazines from our streets. A strong and historic advocate for gun control, WRJ was proud to have participated in such an important and exciting event, and hopes that the demands made by leaders from across religions and denominations will be fully realized in the political sphere in the weeks and months to come.

Doing Justly: WRJ's Advocacy Agenda

Yesterday, the URJ's daily "Ten Minutes of Torah" publication was written by Carolyn Kunin, the former WRJ Director of the Department of Advocacy and Program. In her piece entitled "Doing Justly: WRJ's Advocacy Agenda," Carolyn beautifully connects WRJ's proud history of activism and social justice to Jewish tradition, and presents some wonderful highlights of WRJ's advocacy efforts over our 100 year history. The full article is available on the WRJ blog.

Coming Up: 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

On January 22nd, 2013, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade. This essential case struck down many state laws restricting abortion, changing the landscape of reproductive health access for women in our country.