

Egalitarian Prayer Space Plan at Western Wall Suspended

On Sunday, June 25th, Israel announced that it is [suspending its promise for an egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall](#) (Kotel). In addition, the Israeli government advanced a bill that would give exclusive control for conversions to ultra-Orthodox rabbis. These actions will deepen the divide between Israel and the Diaspora communities. WRJ is outraged that the Israeli government would renege on its prior negotiated agreements.

WRJ is working collaboratively with our partners across the Reform Movement to convey our strong views on these matters and to convince the Israeli government to uphold its previous commitments. In fact, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of Union for Reform Judaism, [recently canceled a scheduled meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu in protest](#). Read our partner's statements here:

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[Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism \(IMPJ\)](#)
[Israel Religious Action Center \(IRAC\)](#)
[Union for Reform Judaism \(URJ\)](#)
[World Union for Progressive Judaism \(WUPJ\)](#)