



Advocacy Update

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Anat Hoffman Interrogated by the Jerusalem Police

This Tuesday, January 5th, Anat Hoffman, the executive director of the Israel Religious Action Center and leader of Israel's Women of the Wall, was questioned for over an hour and fingerprinted by the police at the Kishle police station, near the Jaffa Gate. She was told that she was a suspect in a felony, not complying with a legal order, and disturbing the peace, in other words, for violating the rules of conduct at the Kotel. The interrogation largely focused on her participation in the recent Women of the Wall Rosh Chodesh prayer services.

For more information about the interrogation, read [Rachel Canar's phone interview](#) with Anat Hoffman and an [article by Jane Eisner](#) from *The Forward*. Rabbi Robert Orkand, Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) president, has also issued a powerful response to the incident.

A list of action items for sisterhoods in support of Anat Hoffman and Women of the Wall will be included in the coming Wednesday social justice e-mail.