



Advocacy Update

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Proposed Conversion Bill in Knesset

Last week Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon and Knesset member David Rotem came to the United States to meet with Jewish leaders to defuse criticism and alleviate concerns about their proposed conversion bill. Nonetheless, Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist Diaspora and Israeli leaders remain deeply concerned about the impact of the bill in their congregations and communities. Read the [informative article](#) on the bill by Anat Hoffman, director of the Israel Religious Action Center, in this week's issue of its newsletter, The Pluralist.

No Nukes for Iran

The United Nations is now holding a review conference for the parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to consider how best to enable this treaty to meet current nuclear challenges and those of the future.

Iran's lack of compliance with UN resolutions and the NPT in its pursuit of a nuclear program is a major challenge to be addressed. Read [Liz Piper-Goldberg's Religious Action Center blog](#) on the walk-out by diplomats from many countries during Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's address.

Members of the No Nukes for Iran Teen Advocacy Program recently held an advocacy day in Washington. Read the Religious Action Center [guest blog](#) by [Danielle Bari Flaum](#), founder and chair of the program, about their important and exciting advocacy experience at the Israeli Embassy and on Capitol Hill.

While in Washington, the group was asked about their next action. They responded "No Nukes for Iran has just launched a national petition with a goal of 100,000 signatures by mid-May, thus creating a powerful lobbying tool." Add your voice to the No Nukes for Iran Advocacy Program by helping to collect the 100,000 signatures.