



Advocacy Update

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U.S. Supreme Court Nominee Elena Kagan

A Jewish Telegraphic Agency News Alert, issued yesterday, on the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings, reported that "U.S. Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan said her admiration for a former Israeli chief justice, Aharon Barak, was rooted in her Jewishness and admiration for Israel. She offered a similar, if less passionate, explanation for her penchant for Chinese food on Christmas." [Read more](#) to get a sense of Solicitor General Kagan as a person.

Jessica Weiser, a program associate at the Religious Action Center, is writing daily blogs this week about the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on U.S. Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan. [Jessica introduced](#) the blogs by recommending the best way to follow these important hearings. You can also follow her blogs, such as "What Happened Today" and "A Supreme Day" at www.rac.org.

Action Alert – Juvenile Justice

Call Congress on July 7th, the National Juvenile Justice Call-In Day!

Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) is three years overdue. This groundbreaking legislation, first passed in 1974, supports community-based alternatives to detention and keeping youngsters out of adult facilities, as well as many of the juvenile justice practices called for by longstanding [WRJ resolutions](#).

Urge your congressional representatives to make juvenile justice a priority this year and to:

- Reauthorize the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP)
- Increase appropriations for juvenile justice programs
- Pass the Youth PROMISE Act to promote proven, cost-effective prevention-based strategies to reduce youth crime.