



# Advocacy Update

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## **Attack on Mosque in Israel**

In a release on Monday, October 3, the leaders of the Reform movement condemned the Sunday night arson attack on a mosque in the Israeli Arab village of Tuba Zangaria and announced the establishment of a fund that would be used to rebuild the mosque. President of the Union for Reform Judaism Rabbi Eric Yoffie said, "We condemn these acts of hatred in the strongest possible terms. They are inexcusable and do not reflect Jewish values at any time, and are especially reprehensible during these, our high holy days. We stand by the State of Israel in her commitment to bring the perpetrators of these crimes to justice swiftly and to provide safety and religious freedom to all Israeli citizens."

The Religions for Peace Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel, a coalition of over sixty organizations, issued a statement denouncing the destruction of the mosque as a "desecration of the name of God."

Join with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), ARZA, The Central Conference of Reform Rabbis (CCAR), The Israel Reform Movement (IMPJ), and the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), in working to raise funds to help refurbish the desecrated mosque, demonstrate our commitment to an inclusive, pluralistic, democratic Israeli society, and express our censure of such criminal actions against places of worship in Israel. Send a check to the Tuba Zangaria Mosque Fund at ARZA, 633 Third Avenue, New York, New York, 10017. This fund is an ARZA Unity Project.

## **October Is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Read The White House Blog, posted by Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on October 3, 2011, "Reaffirming Our Commitment to Fighting – and Preventing – Breast Cancer" to become informed about the ways that the health reform law – the Affordable Care Act – facilitates women's access to breast cancer screenings and health care services.

Learn about new research on breast and ovarian cancer by participating in a free national teleconference and webinar, "Reporting the Research: What's Real News in Breast Cancer and Ovarian Cancer," hosted by Sharsharet on Wednesday, October 26th, 2011 at 8:00 P.M. The webinar will include a panel of cancer specialists who will discuss the "latest research in screening techniques, genetics, fertility options, breast cancer treatment, and ovarian cancer treatment." Opportunities will be available for questions and a transcript and audio taping will be [available online](#) following the webinar.

Sharsharet, a national not-for-profit organization supporting young Jewish women and their families facing breast cancer, seeks "to offer a community of support to women, of all Jewish backgrounds, diagnosed with breast cancer or at increased genetic risk, by fostering culturally-relevant individualized connections with networks of peers, health professionals, and related resources."

Take this opportunity to increase your sisterhood members' awareness of breast and ovarian cancer and the resources available to you. Circulate this e-mail to your members and discuss the information provided during a sisterhood meeting.

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