Advocacy Update

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WRJ Sisterhoods Stand in Solidarity With Women of the Wall
The December 30th social justice e-mail described two sisterhoods that convened events to participate in the Jewish women's grassroots action in solidarity with Women of the Wall (WOW). Since then, several additional sisterhoods have informed us that they held programs which featured support for Women of the Wall and the right of women to pray and read Torah at the Kotel and to don tallitot for doing so.

Congregation Albert Sisterhood, Albuquerque, NM, adopted a motion of support for WOW as part of their annual shared meeting with a local Conservative sisterhood and participants were urged to kindle the seventh candle for the light of religious freedom and pluralism in Israel. The program also featured Shawn Price, a Jew by choice and member of the Navajo Tribe, and Navajo women dancers, honoring the spirit of women who fight as necessary. Mr. Price said "we honor those who battle on behalf of us"… just as we, sisterhood women, honor Women of the Wall.

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, Hillsborough, NJ expressed solidarity with Women of the Wall, which added an extra dimension to their annual Chanukah/Woman of Valor Dinner. Saying a prayer to remember the courage of the Maccabees who fought for religious freedom, they participated in the grassroots action in support of the Women of the Wall. They took a photo of their sisterhood members wearing tallitot, which they sent to WOW in Israel to show their support and solidarity.

WRJ of Congregation B'nai Israel of Boca Raton, FL held a Morning Educational Awareness Program to view the film, "Praying In Her Own Voice," which depicts the struggle in which the participants of Women of the Wall have engaged. Click on http://www.newlovefilms.com for information and purchase.

Sisterhood of Temple Sholom, Women of Reform Judaism, Vancouver, BC developed an event in support of Women of the Wall in their Rosh Chodesh Renewal program. Information and pictures of the program were sent to WOW.

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