



Advocacy Update

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Speak up for the DREAM Act

We are a nation of immigrants – our great grandparents, grandparents, or parents, or indeed ourselves, came to this country with great hopes for religious freedom and well being – for which we are thankful. But today, many thousands of immigrant families await needed immigration reform, which perhaps has an uncertain future.

The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act is narrowly crafted legislation which would correct an injustice, the threat of deportation for the young people seeking to attend college, work, or enter the military services, who were brought to the United States as children by undocumented immigrant parents. Passage of the DREAM Act would provide such youth, who have lived in the U.S for a minimum of five years and graduated from high school, an opportunity to earn permanent residence and eventual citizenship by attending college for at least two years or joining a military service.

The DREAM Act could come up for a vote in the Senate and House as early as the week of November 29th.

Celebrating Fifty Years of Social Justice

WRJ joins the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) in celebrating fifty years of social justice. We appreciate that the RAC has mobilized the Reform Jewish community's legislative and social concerns and provided us with the necessary background, information, training and resources. WRJ also celebrates our many years of close partnership with the RAC in working together and in providing it with support for the employment of a legislative aide through the YES Fund.

WRJ urges your sisterhoods and members to join in Celebrating Justice. Call on your congregation to participate in the Shabbat Tzedek celebration of the Reform Movement's commitment to social Justice, which will be held over the Martin Luther King weekend (January 14-17). This would also be a great year for you and your leaders to participate in the Consultation on Conscience, May 1-3.

For more information on WRJ and Social Justice, visit www.wrj.org/social-justice-home