



# Advocacy Update

Sent May 21, 2013

## **TODAY: Call-In Day for Immigration Reform**

America's immigration system is broken. Over 11 million undocumented immigrants live in the shadows of our communities. Families face decades-long backlogs in acquiring visas, workers are left without protections, children are left behind as parents are deported, and LGBT Americans cannot sponsor the visa of a spouse. We can, and we must, do better.

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) adopted a resolution supporting immigration at its first assembly in 1915 and over the years has continued to call for fair immigration policies. Our [2009 resolution](#) asks us to: "Call upon Congress to adopt and the president to sign comprehensive immigration reform legislation that would include a path to legalization for the millions of undocumented immigrants in the United States." Today, we have the opportunity to do just that.

Join Jewish advocates from coast to coast to call your Senators, and urge them to support reform that includes an inclusive approach to keeping families together, humane and balanced border protection, a pathway to citizenship, and workplace protections for all. **Simply dial 1-888-897-0174** to automatically connect to your officials. Click here for more information and [a guide to the call-in day](#).

## **Vandalism Against Women of the Wall Board Member**

Yesterday, vandals spray-painted hateful graffiti outside of the Jerusalem home of Peggy Cidor, a board member of Women of the Wall. In response to the attack, Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, Executive Director of Women of Reform Judaism, and Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, issued a statement strongly condemning the attack.

[The statement](#) expressed "outrage by today's vandalism at the Jerusalem home of Women of the Wall board member Peggy Cidor. The graffiti messages, which included phrases such as, 'Women of the Wall are wicked,' 'Peggy, your time has expired' and 'Jerusalem is Holy,' seek to intimidate women and those who stand with them in support of women's right to pray. Those responsible for these heinous acts must be held accountable for their actions."

It concluded by noting that "the overt threats implied by the vandalism inside the hallway of the apartment building of a leader of Women of the Wall serve to remind us of the utmost importance of the Women of the Wall's efforts to advance religious pluralism, democracy, and gender equality in Israel. We call on the Israeli judicial system to hold the perpetrators accountable."

*For more information on WRJ and Social Justice, visit [www.wrj.org/social-justice-home](http://www.wrj.org/social-justice-home)*