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6 Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, reaffirms our commitment to
7 protecting the wall that separates church and state and views with alarm the on-going
8 efforts on the federal, state and local levels to break down this wall.

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10 Given Hadassah's long-standing commitment to this issue, we will continue to oppose
11 proposals that violate the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and
12 marginalize those students of different faiths or no faith at all. As such, Hadassah
13 opposes any effort to bring organized religion into the public schools including: the
14 posting of the Ten Commandments; the teaching of creationism as a valid scientific
15 theory; and, the introduction of officially sponsored, organized or sanctioned prayer at
16 sporting events and programs.