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**Rabbi Dan Moskovitz – FEB 5, 2016**

1. "Reform Jews are a group of clowns who stab the holy Torah"
2. "Women of the Wall should be thrown to the dogs."
3. These were the words that were proclaimed in the Israeli Knesset this week by Israel's Deputy Education Minister Meir Porush and MK Moshe Gafni of the ultra-Orthodox United Torah Judaism.
4. Both statements and many others of similar vulgarity were condemned by PM Netanyahu
5. What promoted such colorful outbursts from Israel's legislative body?
6. This week, After years of negotiations, non-Orthodox movements will be allowed to hold mixed prayer services for women and men at the Kotel, the holiest site in Judaism.
    1. Recognition of non-orthodox movements and rabbis
    2. The agreement stipulates that the existing gender-segregated prayer areas and the new mixed prayer section will be accessed by a common entrance.
    3. The new prayer section will also enjoy equal visibility.
7. Its not a perfect agreement
    1. WOW wanted the right to read torah in the women's section and that seems lost.
    2. It is not clear if women will now be banned from wearing tallit and tephilin in the women's section, which the agreement places again under orthodox control.

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