

Jewish Worshipers Praying on Temple Mount for First Time in Decades

Videos and pictures surfacing online appear to show Jews praying on the Temple Mount—a simple act of worship they have been banned from doing there for decades.

Although two consecutive Jewish temples once stood on the Temple Mount and it is considered to be the holiest place in Judaism, the Muslim Waqf that controls the site today bars Jews and Christians or anyone except Muslims from praying there.

The Jerusalem Post reports that the situation seems to have changed, and Jews are now quietly praying on the Temple Mount in full view of the police, even though Israeli authorities insist there has been no change in the policy.

According to the *Post*, a group of 10 Jewish men ascended the Temple Mount on Thursday morning at the beginning of the non-Muslim visiting hours at 7:00 a.m. Rabbi Eliyahu Weber led the men to the holy site while singing, “Let us go up to the temple.”

The men toured the stone compound surrounded by police before stopping to host an abbreviated morning prayer service.

Weber said the group made sure not to draw attention to themselves.

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