

Jewish World Watch – Passover Advocacy Project

An easy demonstration of our commitment to *Tikkun Olam*:
The repair of the world, the righting of the wrong.

WHAT TO DO?

1. Distribute a blank piece of paper and pens to your Seder participants.
2. Ask them to choose one person from the list below and write a short, heart-felt expression of our concern about the devastating condition in Darfur, Sudan. Information about Darfur accompanies this Action Alert.
3. Express your concerns and demand that our elected and appointed representatives speak out and **ACT** regarding the genocide taking place in Darfur, Sudan.
4. Each person should sign the short letter with his/her name and address.
5. Either mail all of the letters written at your *seder* or collect them and bring them to the Temple office. JWW will collect the letters from our Temple and will mail them to the named recipient.

WHY TO DO?

As we commence the celebration of Passover, we remember that our People were once persecuted and enslaved in ancient Egypt. *It is with this memory that we are able to see and understand the suffering of others.* As Rabbi Harold Schulweis has said, “We see the world through ancient eyes.” Since the Holocaust, we have said, “Never Again.” If these words are to have meaning, they must mean “never again” for any people: our own or any other. Others were silent when we were being persecuted, enslaved, and murdered during World War II and before. We may not be silent when others are being persecuted and murdered.

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Secretary of State Rice:

As we commence the celebration of Passover, our Jewish holiday of freedom, we remember that our People were once persecuted and enslaved in ancient Egypt. With this memory, we see the world. Today, in Darfur, Sudan, thousands of people are being terrorized, raped, murdered, and displaced.

It is unacceptable to us that our great nation, a beacon of hope and freedom, remain silent. Please work diligently to end this crisis. We call upon you to insist upon the immediate restoration of international access to the camps and a stoppage to all involuntary relocation of civilians. We further call upon you to impose sanctions against the Sudanese government until the oppression of the Darfurians end.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

City, State and Zip

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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
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U.S. Department of State
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