

Activist Spotlight

The volunteers who support JWW's Solar Cooker Project are the reason for its tremendous growth and success. Following are some of the incredible people who have organized events and projects to support the SCP! What are you doing? Send us a photo and description and we will shine the "spotlight" on you!

Climbing and Partying

Callen Raveret—Wellesley, CT

First, Callen Raveret climbed a mountain to raise money for JWW's Solar Cooker Project when he was 14. As if that wasn't enough, for his 16th birthday party, he eschewed the typical gifts and instead had his friends and family make donations in his name, collecting an impressive sum. What's next Callen?



Mixing it Up

Challah for Hunger—UCLA Hillel—Los Angeles, CA

Every week, students from across UCLA gather at Hillel to make, braid, and bake over 100 loaves of challah that they sell on campus, raising money for JWW's Solar Cooker Project. They also engage students and educate them on atrocities happening around the world. So far, they have raised over \$25,000, and recently were awarded the Elizabeth Stern Award from the University Religious Conference at UCLA.



Presenting Solar Cookers

Micah Light—Wornick Jewish Day School—Foster City, CA

Micah taught his fellow students about the atrocities in Darfur and introduced them to the SCP with a full display. After his excellent presentation, the class voted to support the SCP with class funds. Here he's showing off his official SCP certificate! Keep on shining your Light, Micah!



Making Change

Arianna Moss—Condit Elementary School—Claremont, CA

To recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other champions of human rights and social justice, every year the California City of Claremont's Human Services Commission and Committee on Human Relations sponsors the annual "Making Change" contest. Over 700 students participated this year submitting entries and Arianna Moss (grade 6, Condit Elementary School) won with her essay focusing on her inspiration to make change because of the JWW Solar Cooker Project! Congrats! We know you will make positive change not only in Claremont but across the world!



Solar Centerpieces

Jenna Fischer—Beth Jacob Congregation—Mendota Heights, MN



Jenna raised awareness of the plight of the Darfuri refugees when she asked bat mitzvah guests to make donations to the Solar Cooker Project in lieu of gifts. Always creative, she made centerpieces for the bat mitzvah by creating miniature solar cookers which she then donated to the SCP for others to use. Her D'var Torah highlighted the program and its relevance. Jenna, You Rock!

Giving Students a Voice

Margot Hershman—Greenhill School—Addison, TX

Mr. Fleming challenged his Modern Africa students: if they could come up with an educational project to raise money for refugees from Darfur, he would consider supporting it. Senior Margot Hershman brought in Solar Cookers and with the class, she hosted bake sales and t-shirt sales, had petitions go around campus, and raised awareness in the community. Margot: Good Job!



...To the Gulf Stream Waters

Amoreena Brewton's class—Gulf Shores High School—Gulf Shores, AL



Mrs. Brewton's AP History class raised over \$900 through a uniform-free day, bagging groceries for tips, and selling cookies and sno-cones. They have made such a huge difference by doing things they already enjoyed! Thanks so much for all that you guys do to make things better in this world!!



Quilt While You're Ahead

Cory Chan and Mary Ng—Brooklyn Technical High School—Brooklyn, NY

Under the leadership of Chris Rabot, Cory and Mary headed up their Save Darfur Club, collecting money for our Solar Cooker and Backpack projects. Each club member made their own quilt panel, to be assembled and displayed in the school, hopefully working to unite a larger effort all around New York.



Beyond Comfort

Noah Sutton-Smolin—San Diego Jewish Academy—San Diego, CA

13-year-old Noah Sutton-Smolin's first name—like that of the biblical Ark-builder—means "comfort." That being the case, he set his sights higher than his name. His bar mitzvah project was intended not to merely comfort the refugee women of Sudan, but in many cases, to prevent them from being afflicted in the first place by raising money for the Solar Cooker Project. Great job, Noah! It's a comfort to us knowing you are supporting important work.



Gleaning the World

Yonah Bromberg Gaber—Congregation Beth Judah—Ventnor, NJ

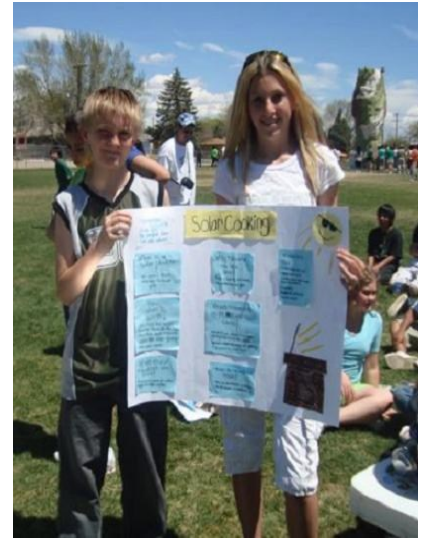


When Yonah's bar mitzvah was approaching, he considered his Torah portion which read, "When you gather your harvest of your land, do not complete it to the corners of your field; and when you gather your harvest, harvest so that the poor and the stranger will have gleanings left for them...—Leviticus: 23:22 (Parshat Emor) It resonated with him. He had been introduced to the genocide in Darfur in 2006 and since then had been concerned with the situation. When he discovered the SCP, he was excited because it "aids the refugees from Darfur and because it is a renewable energy, one of my interests." . He wrote a letter to his family and friends asking them to support the SCP, raising thousands of dollars. Mazel Tov Yonah and keep up the good work!

Hot Diggity Dog

Jason McKinney's Class—Tibbetts Middle School—Farmington, NM

Thanks to a grant from BP America Inc. as part of an Energy Education Program called 'A+ for Energy,' Mr. McKinney's seventh grade social studies students embarked on a solar energy exploration, culminating in a contribution to the global community. The students did loads of research, some of them even making their own solar cookers, and went out to educate other local schools as well as news reporters. They made hot dogs and cinnamon apples in the cookers, raising nearly \$1,200 and educating 500 students about efficient energy usage AND Darfur!



Spoons 4 Solar

Jacob Robinson—Akiba Academy of Dallas—Dallas, TX



Jacob wanted to do something to help the people of Darfur, so when he heard about the Solar Cooker Project he started to think of ways to raise money. He painted and sold wooden spoons for six dollars each. The hand painted spoons could be hung up as a reminder of the genocide. In a few months hosted many painting parties and raised over \$3,000 for the SCP!

Fast for Darfur

Jessica and Aaron Isaacs—Temple Aliyah—West Hills, CA

Siblings Aaron and Jessica Isaacs, along with many friends, put on a full day of activities for students of all ages while they fasted for seven hours in honor of the seven years the genocide in Darfur has been going on. It was an incredible afternoon of singing, dancing, writing letters to politicians, cooking couscous in solar cookers, and education.



Doodles and Cookies and Lemonade. Oh My!
Rebecca, Ceci and Gabriella—Los Angeles, CA

2nd graders Rebecca, Ceci and Gabriella, from Temple Israel of Hollywood Day School and Yavneh Hebrew Academy held a neighborhood bake sale, lemonade stand and homemade “yarn doodle” sale to raise funds for the Project. Good job, girls!



Giving Tree
Romaner Family—Dallas, TX

The Romaner children (Ben, Dalia, Adina and Micah) remembered their grandmother, Leslie, telling them about a money tree her father had given her. It was a tree branch covered in money. Leslie’s grandkids decided to honor that memory and the life lessons they had been taught by creating a “tzedakah” tree. The tree branches held “coins” representing donations of solar cookers and other gifts that all make the world a better place.

Hot Costumes

Rachel Siegel and Talia Klein—Akiba Academy of Dallas—Dallas, TX

This year for Purim, Rachel and Talia decided to dress up as Solar Cookers. They felt the responsibility to “Not Stand Idly By,” because the Jewish people were once victims of a cruel genocide. These costumes were made in preparation for their school’s “Solar Cooker Program” in which they educated their fellow students about the Solar Cooker Project, and the crisis in Darfur — bringing to life what was said just a few decades ago: “Never Again.”



Sleepless for Darfur Genocide Aware-A-Thon
BBYO Lake Ontario Region—Toronto, ON



About 40 teens collected pledges from family & friends in support of their participation in BBYO’s Genocide Aware-a-thon, a 12-hour event for Jewish teens, aimed at raising awareness about the humanitarian crisis in Darfur. They made art, talked with a refugee, and raised \$1200.00 for the SCP. Get some sleep, kids!

Potholders for Peace

Norma Grinfeld—University Synagogue—Irvine, CA



“Potholders for Peace,” created by University Synagogue’s Director of Education, Norma Grinfeld, was an effort to bring “age appropriate” awareness about Darfur in the religious school classroom. The key focus was to use the life preserving solar cookers as a way of teaching students about an important Jewish value, Tikkun Olam (healing the world) as well as describing conditions in the villages of Darfur. Students came together to decorate potholders that were then sold with the proceeds going toward the purchase of solar cookers.

Workmen’s Circle of Life

Eric Ravens, Ethan Barkin, Stephen Rossman, Jeremy Roller, Harrison Price, and Dylan Davis

I.L. Peretz Jewish School of Nassau—East Meadow, NY

As six of the students from I.L. Peretz Jewish School of Nassau were preparing for their cultural b’nai mitzvah, they took it upon themselves to educate their shul about what is happening in Darfur. They spoke with their community in East Meadow, NY, inspiring them to get involved in JWW’s mission, and helping provide refugee families with solar cookers.



Donut Stand Idly By

Danny Sexton—St. Xavier High School—Cincinnati, OH



Danny Sexton knows how to capture the interest of his classmates – by selling donuts! After local grocery stores donated pastries, Danny and his friends sold them on campus to raise money for the refugees from Darfur. Now he is in college and has started chapters in several universities!

Jewelry Maker

Shelby Layne—Harvard-Westlake—Los Angeles, CA

Shelby refashions and sells vintage jewelry to the tune of over \$60,000, 100% of which she has donated to the JWW Solar Cooker Project. She has also hosted movie screenings, implemented JWW’s Activist Certification and Training program at her high school, has raised awareness in her community, and serves as the youngest member of the JWW Board of Directors. ABC news even recognized her work in their weekly spotlight: “Cool Kids!”





Painting Rocks for a Cause

Name: Zoe Ezzes—Darfur Rocks—South Bay, CA

Zoe had a simple idea: in order to honor the memory of her late Uncle, a JWW supporter, Zoe paints rocks to raise money for JWW's Solar Cooker Project. Selling for \$1 per rock, the proceeds go to the SCP. Zoe has raised over \$5,800. It goes without saying, Zoe: "You Rock!"