


human rights education and nonviolent activism. We're putting together a Darfur blog so they can find online activism and share their experiences. We've started the "Light the Candle online for Darfur," campaign where one can light a candle online and the person's name will appear on a candle on a map that shows Darfur activism is spreading around the world. We started the candle campaign because one of our activists — an Iraqi who is affected by the violence in Iraq every single day — bemoaned that although violence is a part of his daily life, he didn't want to be detached from other violence around the world.

**Rose:** Jana, you are speaking with us

from Beirut. How have people there responded to your work on Darfur?

**El Horr:** I'm currently in Lebanon trying to network with civil society here in order to have a stronger presence in Arab countries, trying also to talk to human rights organizations about our work in Darfur. But I haven't had a good response because everybody's main concern was the Lebanese crisis. And whenever somebody tells me, "we have a lot of problems in Lebanon. We cannot deal with Darfur now," I tell them the story about the Iraqi who has so much empathy, so much will, so much love, so much compassion for others that we must learn from his experience how to be an aware citizen 

## A Jewish Prayer for Darfur

Margie Klein

*Merciful Creator, please give us the strength to move our hearts to action.*

*Every day we give thanks to You for our redemption from Egypt, for our freedom as individuals and as a nation. I feel blessed that I have the freedom to work, to study, and to enjoy time with family and friends.*


*But, across the ocean, in a refugee camp in Darfur, I have a sister who is not so fortunate. She is short and fiery like me, she loves dancing like me, and telling stories to children. Her skin is darker than mine, her language different, but we are sisters.*

*God, my sister is afraid for her life; afraid for her body; afraid for her children. She cries out to You on behalf of her people. She utters her own version of the Amidah — "Sh'ma Koleinu, Hear our voice, Lord our God, pity us, save us, accept our prayers with compassion and kindness." She prays with every fiber of her being.*

*But she and I both know that You will not, cannot, act alone.*

*Source of Compassion, let my sister's cry pierce our hearts like the wailing sound of the shofar. And once our hearts have been opened, help us move from prayer to action; let our action stir others to act as well.*

*God of Memory, help us to remember our sisters and brothers in Darfur even when it is easier to turn away. Let us hear the echo of their prayers deep within us.*

*Blessed Redeemer, who liberated our ancestors from Egyptian bondage, help us to take up the mantle of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, and do all that we can to help liberate the people of Darfur, so that they may enter the promised land of freedom, dignity, and hope.* 

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