

# THE NEW JERSEY COALITION RESPONDS TO THE CRISIS IN DARFUR, SUDAN

*Mission: To alleviate the persecution and end the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan through education, advocacy and assistance*

## NJ GLOBAL DAY FOR DARFUR: A CALL TO ACTION

### PARTICIPANTS

The New Jersey Coalition Responds to the Crisis in Darfur sponsors NJ Global Day for Darfur on April 13, 2008, calling for local community advocacy and the observance of a Darfur Sabbath during the weekend of April 10 – 13. Currently, more than 11 religious organizations are hosting an observance, and twenty synagogues and churches continue to be actively involved in the effort to bring the genocide in Darfur to the attention of their congregations. Seven community initiatives are being planned throughout the State.

Highlights of initiatives include:

**Torch Walk and Rally for Darfur** - many grassroots organizations throughout New Jersey have joined together to co-sponsor the event in Montclair which is expected to attract over 2,500 people from surrounding communities, and will be addressed by Governor Corzine and Senator Menendez. Visit [www.ecc4darfur.org](http://www.ecc4darfur.org).

**Launching of NJ Website on Darfur** – The NJ Coalition Responds to the Crisis in Darfur is launching a website to provide a resource on what is happening in the state related to advocacy on Darfur, and what action steps are needed to end the genocide. Visit [www.njdarfur.org](http://www.njdarfur.org) to learn more about what you can do to bring peace to Darfur and participate in local advocacy initiatives.

#### Religious Observances for Darfur

Congregation Beth Hatikvah, Chatham, NJ – Rabbi Amy Joy Small  
Glen Rock Jewish Center, Glen Rock, NJ – Rabbi Neil A. Tow  
Madison-Florham Park Interfaith Council, Florham Park, NJ – Rabbi David Saltzman  
Resurrection Parish, Randolph, NJ – Rev. John Andrew Connell  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Clifton, NJ – Reverend Peter DeFranco  
Temple B'Nai Or, Morristown, NJ – Rabbi Donald Rossoff  
Temple Emanu-Eli, Westfield, NJ – Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor  
Temple Shalom, Succasunna, NJ – Rabbi David Levy  
Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, South Orange, NJ – Rabbi Daniel M. Cohen  
Temple Sholom, Scotch Plains, NJ – Rabbi Joel Abraham  
Temple Sholom of West Essex, Cedar Grove, NJ – Rabbi Laurence Groffman



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## **Religious Congregations Committed to Darfur Genocide Advocacy**

B'Nai Keshet, Montclair  
Caldwell Methodist Church, Caldwell  
Central Presbyterian Church, Montclair  
Congregation Beth Ahm, Verona  
Congregation Beth El, South Orange  
Congregation Shomrei Emunah, Montclair  
First Congregational Church, Montclair  
First Seventh Day Adventist Church, Montclair  
Grace Presbyterian Church, Montclair  
Montclair Friends Meeting, Montclair  
St. James Episcopal Church, Montclair  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Montclair  
St. Peter Claver RC Church, Montclair  
Temple Agudath Israel, Caldwell  
Temple Ner Tamid, Bloomfield  
Temple Sholom of West Essex, Cedar Grove  
Union Congregational Church, Montclair  
Union Baptist Church, Montclair

## **Community Initiatives**

### **April 8**

*Voices From Darfur*  
Rutgers University  
Hillel, Center for African Studies and Ubuntu  
84 Joyce Kilmer Ave Piscataway, NJ 08854  
[jessista@eden.rutgers.edu](mailto:jessista@eden.rutgers.edu)

### **April 13**

*Torch Walk and Rally For Darfur*  
Essex County Coalition for Darfur  
Montclair, NJ [www.ecc4darfur.org](http://www.ecc4darfur.org) or [gcris@verizon.net](mailto:gcris@verizon.net)  
*Postcard campaign*  
Darfur Genocide Rescue Committee  
Christ Church Interfaith community  
Summit, NJ  
[rebeccaspence@comcast.net](mailto:rebeccaspence@comcast.net)

*Fundraiser/ Car wash*  
Clearview Regional Middle School  
Scott Wagner, teacher  
[WagnerSc@mail.clearviewregional.edu](mailto:WagnerSc@mail.clearviewregional.edu)

*Letter writing campaign*  
Office of Reading First  
NJ Department of Education  
Trenton, NJ 08625  
[Helen.tinsley@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:Helen.tinsley@doe.state.nj.us)

**April 16**

*Voices From Darfur*

College of Saint Elizabeth

Center for Volunteerism and Service Learning

Students Take Action Committee

Octagon, Mahoney Library

2 Convent Road Morristown, NJ 07960

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**STAND Darfur Initiatives**

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April 8<sup>th</sup>      *The Devil Came on Horseback*

April 9<sup>th</sup>      *Darfur Now*

April 11<sup>th</sup>     Tabling; Darfur Wall, T-shirts

April 20<sup>th</sup>     *Voices From Darfur*

April 30<sup>th</sup>     Benefit Concert for Darfur

**April (Date to be announced).**

*Political Rally, Coca Cola Headquarters*

STAND & Millburn High School

NYC

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