

Congregation B'nai Brith of Somerville

invites you to a timely forum

**Genocide in Sudan:
Lessons Learned and Ongoing Challenges**

“...why is the world doing nothing to stop it?”

Thursday, August 21, 2014

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Temple B'nai Brith, 201 Central Street in Somerville

Doors Open at 7:15 p.m.

**Eric Cohen, Chairperson
Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur**

In 2004 the world became aware of genocide in Darfur, Sudan. To combat rebels the Sudanese government pursued a scorched earth policy against the villages from which they came. Government forces burned homes, looted property and livestock, raped women and killed indiscriminately. Civilians fled their destroyed villages to UN camps both inside and outside of Sudan where aid agencies worked to provide necessities, medical help and education.

Despite attempts at peace agreements and a slow-down of the atrocities, the violence never stopped. Recently the violence has increased to levels not seen since 2004. Aid agencies have been denied access to the camps, rations have been cut and the camps are regularly attacked. Reports indicate 460,000 people were displaced in 2013 bringing the total to about 2.5 million.

Why is this still happening and why is the world doing nothing to stop it? What lessons can we learn from previous attempts to bring this to a halt and what strategies can we now pursue?

Eric Cohen, President and Chairman of the *Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur*, co-founder of *Investors against Genocide*, and co-founder of *Act for Sudan*. Since his retirement from a 30-year career in information technology he has volunteered full-time as a Sudan and anti-genocide activist.

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