

In Search of Freedom: A Passover Seder for Darfur- The Four Questions

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It is customary at the seder for children to recite “the four questions.” These questions are designed to stimulate an intergenerational conversation about the history and meaning of Passover. Below you will find four questions about the film you have just seen. Please feel free to address as many of these questions as you wish at your tables.

1. In the film, Bishop John H. Ricard says: “One of the first questions in the Old Testament was ‘Where is your brother?’ when the Lord asked Cain where his brother Abel was. And he [Cain] says, ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’ And throughout the remainder of the Scripture is an answer to that question – yes you are!”

What does it mean to “keep” our brothers and sisters? What responsibilities do we have to those beyond our “families?”

2. Moheamed Dafalla Ishag talks about his brother, who was like a father to him, and was shot five times in the back by the Janjaweed militia. He says, “If I have a chance to say something for my brother, I’m praying all days for you.”

What role does prayer play in healing the wounds in Darfur? What role does it play in sustaining you in this work?

3. Dr. Ingrid Mattson says that “there is a rule in Islamic law that if you keep silent you are consenting to an action.”

Do you feel you are speaking loudly enough for Darfur? If not, what is stifling your voice? How can the people at your table help you?

4. “We change the world one life at a time, one day at a time, one act at a time. There really is no other way,” says Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks.

Please share one significant relationship or interaction from your past activist experiences?

How might this help your work for Darfur?