

May 4, 2006

Reconstructionists divest from Sudan

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College divested from companies doing business in Sudan.

Rabbi Dan Ehrenkrantz, president of the college, acknowledged that the economic impact would be “very small,” but said it would send a powerful message about government-sponsored genocide occurring in the country’s Darfur region.

“When there is an issue of genocide, it is important that we take any and every step that we possibly can to stand in the way,” he said.

Ehrenkrantz said he hopes other Jewish institutions will jump on board.

“If no Jewish communal funds were invested in Sudan, it would be such a wonderful and important statement from the Jewish community.”

The move follows a massive rally for Darfur last weekend in Washington that had heavy Jewish involvement.