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### **Rwanda and Jews**

Sir, - In "Lessons from [Rwanda](#), the Israel of Africa" (August 9): David Kimche argued that Israel and Rwanda have had similar experiences of genocide and each can learn valuable lessons from the other. He also noted some of the ways in which Israelis have provided post-conflict assistance to Rwanda.

Jews elsewhere in the world have also felt a close bond with Rwandans, and have sought to demonstrate their support. For example, some of the volunteers and donors working to build Rwanda's first public library, the Kigali Public Library ([www.kigalilibrary.org](http://www.kigalilibrary.org)), are American Jews. We became involved because of the visceral reaction we had to the 1994 genocide, and the kinship we feel with Rwandans.

It is particularly incumbent upon Jews, because of our experience in the Holocaust, to identify with and support victims of genocide in any way we can, whether in Rwanda, Darfur or elsewhere.

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