

Hoshanot Liturgy for the Climate Crisis

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HOSHANA People are suffering. HOSHANA (SAVE US NOW!)

HOSHANA Entire ecosystems are collapsing. HOSHANA

HOSHANA We are in the beginning of a mass extinction HOSHANA

HOSHANA For more than 30 years, the science has been crystal clear... HOSHANA

HOSHANA ... yet all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. HOSHANA

HOSHANA You say you hear us and that you understand the urgency... HOSHANA

HOSHANA ...but the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. HOSHANA

HOSHANA The eyes of all future generations are upon you. HOSHANA

HOSHANA And if you choose to fail us, I say: We will never forgive you. HOSHANA

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HOSHANA I also have a dream (MLK Jr): HOSHANA (SAVE US NOW!)

HOSHANA That governments, political parties and corporations grasp the urgency of the climate crisis. HOSHANA

HOSHANA That they all come together despite their differences – as you would in an emergency. HOSHANA

HOSHANA But this is the year 5780 (2019). HOSHANA

HOSHANA This is not the time and place for dreams. HOSHANA

HOSHANA This is the time to wake up. HOSHANA

HOSHANA This is the moment in history when we need to be wide awake. HOSHANA

HOSHANA And yes, we need dreams. We can not live without dreams. HOSHANA

HOSHANA Dreams can not stand in the way of telling it like it is. HOSHANA

HOSHANA Elected officials spend their time making up bedtime stories that soothe us. HOSHANA

HOSHANA ...that make us go back to sleep zzz. HOSHANA

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HOSHANA It's time to face the reality, the facts, the science. **HOSHANA (SAVE US NOW!)**

HOSHANA Science doesn't speak of "great opportunities" to create the society we always wanted. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA Science tells of unspoken human sufferings, which will get worse the longer we delay action. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA This is, above all, an emergency, and not just any emergency. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA This is the biggest crisis humanity has ever faced. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA You can not solve a crisis without treating it as one. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA The best available scientific calculations do not include non-linear tipping points. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA Unforeseen feedback loops like the extremely powerful methane gas escaping from rapidly thawing arctic permafrost. **HOSHANA**

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HOSHANA So where do we begin? **HOSHANA (SAVE US NOW!)**

HOSHANA I would suggest that we start looking at chapter 2, on page 108 in the IPCC report that came out last year. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA Richer countries need to do their fair share and get down to zero emissions much faster **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA The USA is the biggest carbon polluter in history **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA And yet, the US is the only nation in the world that has signaled an intention to leave the Paris Agreement. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA Because quote "it was a bad deal for the USA." **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA The numbers are very uncomfortable. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA But people have the right to know. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA We must not allow this to continue to be a partisan political question. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA And our main enemy right now is not our political opponents. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA Our main enemy now is physics. And we can not make "deals" with physics. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA Americans have indeed made great sacrifices to overcome terrible odds before. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA You must unite behind the science. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA Because giving up can never ever be an option. **HOSHANA**

HOSHANA The world is waking up. And change is coming, whether you like it or not. **HOSHANA**

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