

How we are making our voices heard for COP26



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10th October

Carbon Zero: If not now when?

The Chief Rabbi and the President of the Board of Deputies, along with experts and activists, discussed this topic from each of their perspectives, recorded live at The Jewish Museum.



Watch online

<https://tinyurl.com/COP10OCT>



24th October

In Conversation with Tamar Zandberg

Learning about Israeli initiatives and the Israeli Government's response to climate change, in conversation with the Israeli Minister of Environmental Protection, Tamar Zandberg.



Watch online

<https://tinyurl.com/COP24OCT>



2nd November 9:00am – 6:00pm COP26

EcoSynagogue and Board of Deputies of British Jews exhibition stand at COP26.



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5th-6th November

EcoShabbat

Take part in EcoShabbat, individually, as a family or as a community.



Resources online

<https://ecosynagogue.org/ecoshabbat/>



8th November 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Interfaith action to combat climate change

Join our live webinar with EcoSynagogue, the Board of Deputies, Eco Church, Eco Sikh, EcoIslam (IFEES), Eco Congregation and Bhumi Global.



Livestreamed on Board of Deputies and EcoSynagogue social media channels





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An open letter to world leaders at the start of COP26

We write to you on behalf of the unborn, in the name of the hopes and dreams in the hearts of the world's grand- and great-grandchildren. Their destiny lies in our hands, in what we decide and do today.

They have no less a right than we did to inherit a world in which it is possible to breath freely, drink clean water, farm the land and feel humbled by the beauty of sea, sky, forest and mountains. They need, as we did, to grow up in a thriving world of interdependent life, an earth fit for humans, animals, birds, insects, fishes and all the habitats which enable them to thrive. As the second century Jewish code, the Mishnah, states, every person needs to be able to say, 'For my sake the world was created.'

The writing is now not just on the wall. It is branded across nature in uncontrollable forest fires, droughts, heatwaves, storms and floods. We cannot pretend ignorance; failure to grasp the urgency of the hour will not be the result of lack of information, but of courage and will.

Though action is necessary at every level of society, you collectively hold unique power to change the course of the world. We, that is ordinary people, and most especially the citizens of those countries already most deeply affected, look to you for climate action and climate justice. So too do scientists, business, community, educational and faith leaders.

Don't fail the future. Don't behave in such a way that future generations look back to you as they struggle to survive in scarcely liveable cities and desiccated lands and say: 'They let us down.'

The rabbis of the Talmud taught that those able to change the ways of their families, but who fail to do so, bear the blame for the errors of their whole household. Those capable of persuading their community to do good, but who omit to try to do so, are answerable for the conduct of that community. Those with the capacity to influence their entire country, but who neglect to exercise due leadership, are responsible for the fate of that country; and those who have the power to change the whole world, but do not do their utmost to use that power for good, are accountable for the fate of the earth itself.

There has never in the history of humanity been a moment more urgent than now.

We appreciate that the pressures on you are great. Millions driven by self-interest and blinded by short-termism will urge you to act to their own advantage.

But in the name of the as-yet unborn, we beg you to use all the powers and influence you can for the good of all humankind, indeed of all life on earth.

Signed by

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