



## ***Rise Like the Dawn: A Prayer for Action on the Rohingya Genocide***

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*“Rabbi Asi said: Why was Esther likened to the dawn? It is to tell you: Just as the dawn is the conclusion of the entire night, so too, Esther was the conclusion of all miracles performed for the entire Jewish people.” -Yoma 29a*

As the glorious colors of the dawn gently rise against night dripping in black, so must our souls shine forth in time, greeting the absence of justice with persistent presence that illuminates the dreams of the oppressed.

On Purim, we recall the limits of miracles and the power of human beings. Even in the emptiest moments, there are still defiant, holy prophets in our midst. May we find the voices of Rohingya women, children and elders, lift up their words and act how and where they need us to be in the quest for their liberation. May neither the limits of national borders nor naive self-interest prevent us from responding to their plight with clarity, audacity and vigor.

To be a Jew is to be a force that moves with the Other.

To face the bleakness of history without delay and never, not once, falling back.

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