

Hoshanot for the Climate Crisis 5780

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HOSHANA People are suffering **HOSHANA**

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**

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 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**

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**

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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