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

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