

The Jewish Climate Narrative



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The Jewish Youth Climate Movement, founded by the largest faith-based environmental organization Hazon in 2019, is a Gen Z-led movement dedicated to combating climate change and environmental injustice from a Jewish lens. Our goal is to make taking collective action towards climate justice a central, defining feature of what it means to be Jewish over the next decade, empowering the next generation of Jewish youth to be leaders in our fight to build a sustainable and equitable world for all.



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Jewish: *The weight of L'dor V'dor is upon us. We must live according to the value of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and act as the midrash Kohelet Rabbah instructs us: "For if you corrupt it, there is no one to repair it for you" (7:13:1).*

Youth: *JYCM recognizes the innate power youth wield to create a ripple effect that brings our families, institutions, and communities along with us, ultimately steering the direction of the entire Jewish community.*

Climate: *As a movement, JYCM is catalyzing a cultural shift that makes taking collective action towards climate justice a central and defining feature of Jewish identity in the 21st century.*

Movement: *The severity of the climate crisis demands action on the scale of a mass movement dedicated to creating a more equitable global community.*



Content note: antisemitism. Please take care of yourself throughout this presentation and after!



What's the Problem?



This is our home, and it is on fire



We know why our home is burning

What #ExxonKnew

100%

of Exxon's climate research
**agree humans are
causing global warming**

What #ExxonDid

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**to organisations
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about climate change**

Koch Industries: Secretly Funding the Climate Denial Machine



Koch Family Foundations have spent \$145,555,197 directly financing 90 groups that have attacked climate change science and policy solutions, from 1997-2018.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Exxon Knew about Climate Change almost 40 years ago

A new investigation shows the oil company understood the science before it became a public issue and spent millions to promote misinformation



fossil fuel corporations
colonialism
racism
carbon emissions

Christian supremacy
patriarchy
heterosexism
It's all connected
antisemitism

ableism
classism
financial institutions
and the economy



Telling A Jewish Story



What arguments about the climate crisis do you usually see in Jewish settings? Have they been effective yet?



The Tikkun Olam Complex: climate action is more than just a moral imperative



What activates the Jewish community as a whole
entity?



Our Climate Story is a Story of Generations

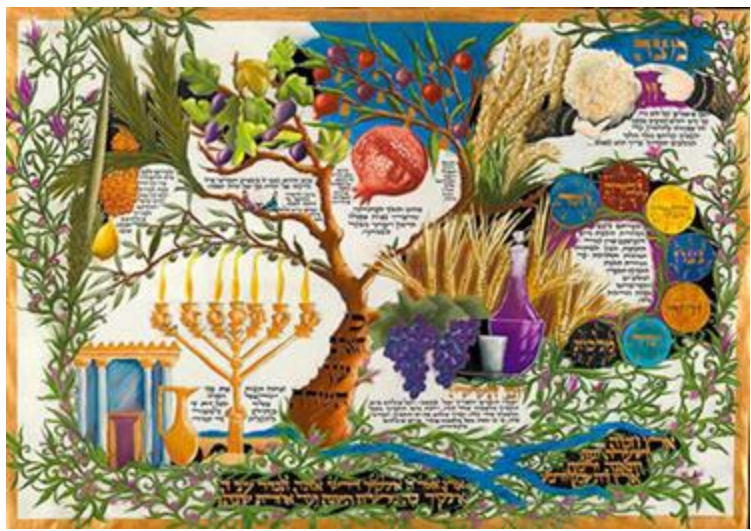


As numerous as the stars, if you can count them

“I will bestow My
blessing upon you and
make your descendants
as numerous as the stars
of heaven and the sands
on the seashore” —
Bereishit 22:17



L'dor v'dor: and we passed this tradition down through the generations ...



... seeking survival amid generations of trauma in the diaspora



Tradition and survival have always coexisted







Opinion

A Warming Climate Is Changing Sukkot

In our town, fall weather has always meant the harvest holiday was near. Now, I fear that connection will be lost.





As Jews, we have watched our homes burn before.



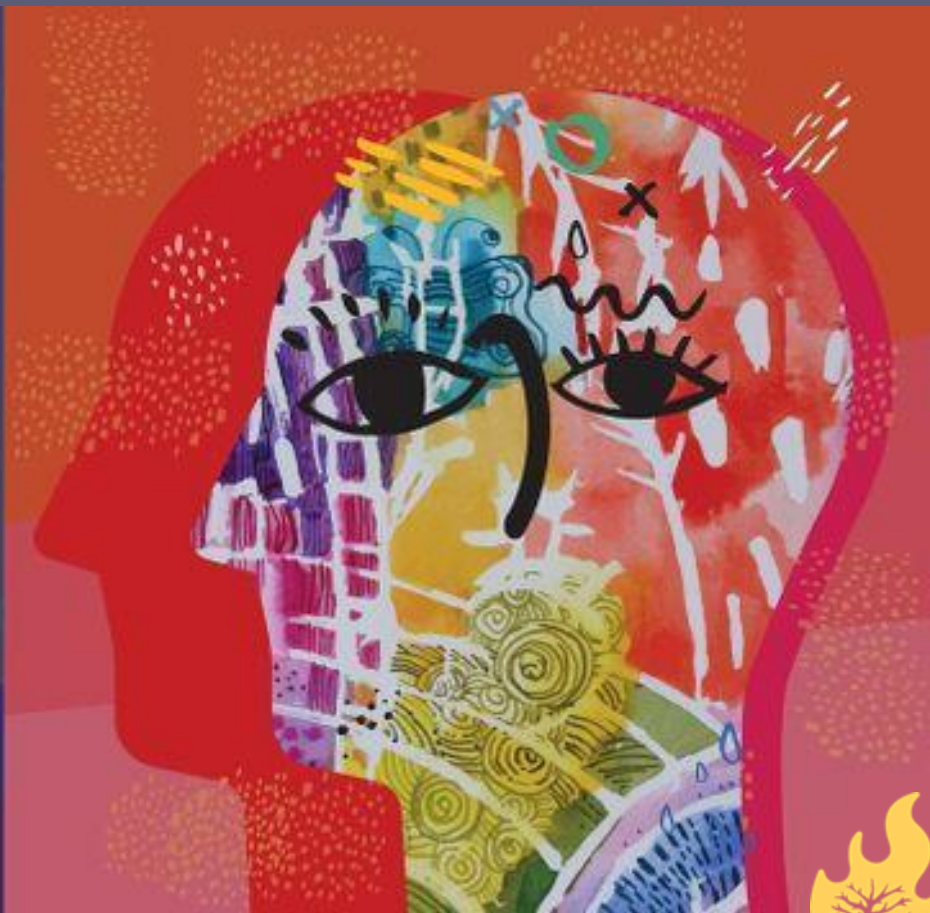






Times of crisis can create communal trauma





In centuries past, we survived through tradition



As the climate crisis unfolds at a time of rising antisemitism, we must take an active role in preserving Jewish culture—and that of all our allies.





As a community, we create hope. Hope is
a ritual. Hope is an action.



Building a Jewish Movement



**Our names are being called, but we have
yet to answer.**



To this we say, “Here we are” / “Hineinu”



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We are prepared to lead the way toward a sustainable and equitable world for all



Jewish community, you have a choice: will you follow?



Take Action With Us! *Teen audience*

- Create a Kvutzah in your community
- Get your Jewish communities to sign onto our Climate Action Plan Commitments through Hazon's Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition
- Join our upcoming actions:
<https://www.jewishyouthclimatemovement.org/calendar>



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