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A Jewish Approach to COP26

To coincide with the start of COP26, LSJS ran a special free event on Sunday *"Is This Our Last Chance? Climate and the Jews"*. Over 50 people enjoyed the presentation by Rabbi Yonatan Neril, an international expert in the field and author of a series of books on Jewish environmental ethics, including the bestselling *Eco Bible*.

Rabbi Dr Zarum, Dean of LSJS, said "Why is responding to climate change not one of the top agenda items of Jewish and other faith communities? Rabbi Neril explained how our tradition encourages sustainability and care for the planet. It was a message we all need to hear, urgently."

Rabbi Neril analysed the global crisis bringing in rabbinic sources and looking at multi-faith work on climate change. Participants from around the world joined the discussion which looked at the role of the Jewish community in manifesting a sustainable future. Gillian Smith, from London, summed up the feeling of the audience at the end "fascinating talk, let's hope that those at COP 26 are in listening mode too!"

Rabbi Yonatan Neril directs The Interfaith Centre for Sustainable Development. He received rabbinical ordination in Israel and has an MA from Stanford University focussing on Global Environmental issues. Rabbi Neril speaks internationally and has co-organised twelve interfaith environmental conferences in Israel and the US.

Joanne Greenaway, Chief Executive of LSJS, said "I'm very proud of this event as an example of our innovative, accessible & intellectually rigorous programming, tackling contemporary issues with a Jewish lens."

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