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JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS WORLDWIDE UNITE TO STOP GLOBAL WARMING; FOCUS ON REDUCING HOT AIR

Rabbis Agree to Cut Length of Sermons; Knesset to Have Less Frequent Elections;
Chulent Ban to Save Fossil Fuels and Reduce Carbon Dioxide, Methane Emissions

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FAIR LAWN, March 4 — The Conference of Presidents of Major Conferences of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations (COPOMCOPOMJO) announced today that their member organizations, which include all Jewish denominations, have agreed to take the lead to combat global warming.

The growing panic caused by higher air temperatures all over the world and melting glaciers in Antarctica was highlighted recently by Al Gore in his Oscar-nominated documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth."

Scientists overwhelmingly agree that global warming is occurring, but differ heatedly on whether this is caused by human activity or is part of a 1,500-year cycle of the earth heating up and cooling down under the influence of the sun.

COPOMCOPOMJO, not wanting to risk having Jews accused of being responsible for global warming, surveyed Jewish religious practices and life-cycle customs to see if modifications could help avert the crisis.

Results of the survey revealed a surprising number of areas where slight modifications to Jewish rituals and daily activities could contribute to a major reduction in global warming.

Implementation of the new changes will occur immediately upon approval of all member organizations of the Conference, something that has never yet happened in all the years that COPOMCOPOMJO has been in existence.

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**THE KUSTANOWITZ KIDS' PICKS
FOR THE 2006
SILVER GRAGGER MOVIE AWARDS**

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PROPOSED ACTIONS TO REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING

REDUCE BURNING OF FOSSIL FUELS

- Cooking and eating chulent will be completely banned (this will also reduce CO₂ and methane emissions).



- All driving on Shabbat and Yom Tov will be strictly forbidden. Driving to weekday morning and evening minyan will be limited to car pools with three or more passengers.

- Havdalah candles will be limited to two wicks. Energy-inefficient candles with 12 wicks will be banned or heavily taxed.



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PROPOSED ACTIONS
TO REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING (cont.)

REDUCE CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS AND HOT AIR



- Rabbis will cut all sermons to 10 minutes in length.
- Israel will hold less frequent elections.
- Synagogue Boards of Trustees will hold fewer meetings.
- Shofar blasts on Rosh Hashanah will be limited to one Tekiah, Teruah, Shevarim and Tekiah Gedolah.

- Wild dancing at weddings and bar mitzvahs will be forbidden to reduce exhalation of large quantities of carbon dioxide. Only slow social dancing will be permitted.



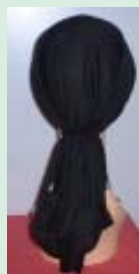
- Purim Mishloach Manot deliveries will be limited to two households per sender to avoid excessive gasoline consumption when driving all around town.

- Elijah will visit families conducting a Passover seder on a rotating basis to drink his cup every other year, thereby saving half of whatever energy source he uses to get around.



REDUCE ESCAPE OF BODY HEAT

- Because 60% of body heat escapes through an uncovered head and can contribute to warming of the air, all Jewish men will wear broad-brimmed black hats at all times. Wigs, scarves, or snoods will be required wear for all women.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: Golden Globes, Shmolden Globes. Oscars, Shmoscars. Here are our own Silver Gragger awards for the outstanding film achievements of 2006.



BECAUSE I SAID SO: In this remake of The Ten Commandments, God makes it clear that this time around, He means business.

DREAMGIRLS: Unable to hear their rabbi from the back of the Shul, all the women sitting behind the mechitza become victims of a narcolepsy epidemic.

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA: Ultra-Orthodox congregants protest when the shul's rebbetzin arrives at Kol Nidre dressed to the nines.

CHILDREN OF MEN: A thought-provoking documentary describing the struggle of innovators within an Orthodox community to gain acceptance of the practice of calling people to the Torah using both their father's AND mother's names.

BABEL: A community plunges into crisis when ten Yiddish-speaking families and five Russian-speaking families move into town.

HAPPY FEET: After two years of hoofing it two miles every Shabbat, a young couple buys a house around the corner from shul. The feel-good, kol-isha respecting musical of the year.

LADY IN THE WATER: One daring woman decides to try out the water in the men's mikvah.

PAN'S LABYRINTH: A newly religious couple struggles to make sense of the bewildering set of rules involved in keeping a kosher kitchen.

FLUSHED AWAY: The day before Tashlich, a lazy rabbi tells his congregants to save a trip to the local river, allowing them to send their sins down the toilet instead.

STRANGER THAN FICTION: A Jewish college student tries to explain the intricacies of waving a chicken during Kapparot to his Irish Catholic roommate.

SNAKES ON A PLANE: A man throws a fit on board a flight to China, when his kosher meal is unlike anything he's ever seen.

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH: Community members choose to either make adjustments or look the other way when their eruv goes down five minutes before Shabbat.

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Members of each denomination have raised objections to changes that would be required to their lifestyle, but all have reluctantly agreed to cooperate for the greater good. The one area where COPOMCOPOMJO has had to backtrack is the proposed ban on lashon harah, or malicious gossip, in the synagogue. This prohibition was proposed as a major factor in the reduction of hot air and greenhouse gas emissions. Recognizing the sheer impossibility of policing such a regulation, COPOMCOPOMJO, in a concession to reality, has agreed that instead of a total ban, each individual will be limited to one piece of lashon harah about one person during each synagogue visit.