

# Mirvis: Climate change threatens the world

CLIMATE change is a horrifying situation which threatens the world, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis declared this week.

He told the Carbon Zero, If Not Now When event at London's Jewish Museum: "We all need to share responsibility for addressing climate change.

"No one is an island, no one can say this has got nothing to do with me – we have to bear the responsibility individually and collectively for this horrifying situation which threatens our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren.

"All of us must play our part in guaranteeing that we fulfil our religious obligation to do what we can."

He spoke as part of the Board's EcoSynagogue partnership project, which will also be present at the forthcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow.

EcoSynagogue co-chairman Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg said: "Now is perhaps the most urgent time in the history of humanity to play that role of partnership and interdependence with all living things.

"Judaism tells us that we shall teach our children, but there won't be Torah to teach our children if there isn't a world in which they can live."

A panel, which discussed vital issues surrounding climate change, featured renewable energy expert Jonathan Waxman and Dr Michal Nachmany, an international climate policy and governance expert.

Board president Marie van der Zyl said: "This is one of the most important subjects, not just for the Jewish community, but for humanity and the entire planet."