

**Yedidya has begun an important conversation on the climate crisis.**

As part of this there have been changes in use of plastic bottles and cups in the Kiddush- under the brokership of Elisa Kranc.

I also enclose a summary of the oneg Shabbat that was held with Ina Zas 2 weeks ago- written by Jane Golbert.

Ina is a social activist in realm of climate crisis. She also works in Manchi and directs team on Sustainability

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is a UN body created to provide policymakers with scientific research to assess climate change. The 2018 latest report included details of global warming with 97% of research papers discussing the serious situation rapidly heating the planet.

If not reversed, this warming will soon make areas of the world uninhabitable, negatively affecting the bio diversity of life on the planet of both animal and plant species.

Scientists say that it is possible to reverse the warming only if the necessary steps are taken quickly.

Ina reported that there is a gradual awaking of this issue in the last few months. Kvar Saba and Tel Aviv are trying to ban use of disposable utensils in kindergartens. But not in Jerusalem

A discussion ensued regarding how to affect policy change from the “top and/or bottom”, for example at the governmental level and also in our own homes, families, schools, work places, Kehillat Yedidya, etc.

Ina urged not using plastics products. Even paper plates have some plastic and microplastic gets into our food and water causing serious health issues.

If biodegradable products get into landfill they will not be degraded. They must be recycled separately.

Additional recommendations based on Ina’s presentation, attending group questions and discussion:

Talk to gannanot, schools, shop owners and others to spread awareness in our community.

Use jugs of water and no plastic cups.

Talk to shop owners and notify members of our community of owners who do not use plastic.

Importance of buying less, second hand clothes, for example Mitzion