

Climate change is a war on Christmas

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Columnist Michael Goldman's non-denominational list for Santa Claus was cute, but this rabbi says Goldman is wrong about there being no war on Christmas.

My favorite Christmas memories are of watching *White Christmas* and *It's A Wonderful Life*, movies filled with magic, love, loyalty, patriotism, and the battle between miserliness and community caring. *White Christmas*? Icy roads? Bitter cold adding to a man's desperation? Will my grandchildren have a frame of reference to understand these movies in the age of climate change?

Climate change is a war on the Christmas of our past. It's being waged by us as we refuse to magnanimously trim our fossil fuel use. Climate change is a sign of the death of the true Christmas spirit as self-involvement prevents us from acting with grace, benevolence and kindness towards future generations and the planet.

Hot dogs and beans? I wish readers would generously make resolve to eat less meat because meat production accounts for 25 percent of our methane emissions, and methane is a greenhouse gas 20 times more powerful than CO₂.

Millions of Christmas lights? They are beautiful, but please enroll with your utility company for green electricity from wind, and enjoy the lights without harming the planet.

Finally, I hope *The Sun* endorses a revenue-neutral carbon tax to fight climate change like the one proposed by former Congressman Bob Inglis, R-SC.

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