

and the Environment." Within each of our religious traditions reside texts, laws, theology, philosophy, and ritual practices--- spiritual resources that can profoundly transform people. We share rich teachings about the unity of Creation, the sacredness of the natural world. We all know something about boundaries and limits, about deeds and consequences. About communal and individual responsibility. Together, our faith traditions can help us begin to think about environmental awareness as stewardship of the good earth the creator has given us. I leave you with that picture in mind as we venture forth to learn more about each other and ourselves.

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At Towels KUSA: Good evening. I am honored to be part of this historic meeting. As Jews, Muslims and Christians learn to speak to one another together, we are pioneers, rediscovering a conversation between our faiths that is still in its early stages in our era. This is true everywhere, but especially in the Middle East. His Highness, the Emir of Qatar brings the vision and energy to this dialogue, as well as so many other areas. I add my sincere thanks to those that have been expressed already. I also want to thank Dr. Aisha Al-Manzari for her intelligent and courageous leadership. It is truly an honor to be part of this pioneering gathering.

I have something about being a pioneer. When I was ordained as a rabbi 33 years ago, all the women rabbis in the world could have a meeting in a very small room--- what we did, once a year in Princeton, N.J. Now there are hundreds of women rabbis throughout the non-Orthodox Jewish world. While women's role is not my topic today, I invite anyone who wants to talk to my about that---or anything else---to come over and chat later during a meal or break. I look forward to the connections in