

Being Green & Jewish

HAR SHALOM'S GREENING EFFORTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



OUR ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTIONS SAVE ABOUT 4,000 KILOWATT HOURS A MONTH

- ⌘ Energy Audit by Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light (GW IPL)
- ⌘ Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) in high occupancy areas
- ⌘ Timers for the parking lot and building flood lights
- ⌘ Energy efficient "exit" signs
- ⌘ School wing replacement roof for improved heating and cooling
- ⌘ Energy-efficient replacements for HVAC and two water heaters
- ⌘ Regular thermostat checks and monthly HVAC maintenance inspections
- ⌘ New sanctuary design uses natural lighting and skylights to reduce lighting needs
- ⌘ Energy Management System installed in the new wing
- ⌘ Smaller rooms for smaller meetings
- ⌘ Minimal use of new wing on weekdays

WE'VE COMPLETED A "GREEN" RENOVATION OF THE SCHOOL WING

- ⌘ Re-walled 1st floor with all natural wall products
- ⌘ Painted walls with eco-friendly paint, dramatically lowering the fumes
- ⌘ Installed energy-efficient refrigerators

WE'VE CUT PAPER USE BY 500,000 SHEETS – THAT'S \$4,000 A YEAR

- ⌘ Expanded use of email and eliminated mailings, when possible
- ⌘ Instituted online program registration
- ⌘ Moved to recycled paper products (napkins, toilet paper and hand towels)

WE'VE INSTITUTED A SYNAGOGUE-WIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

- ⌘ Recycling paper, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles
- ⌘ Reusing paper as scrap/note paper
- ⌘ Using recycled paper for copying, when possible



WE'RE EDUCATING OUR MEMBERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- ⌘ TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE
 - Sponsors Tikkun Olam Shabbats with speakers on environmental issues
 - Presents CFL light bulbs to all B'nai Mitzvot
 - Screened "An Inconvenient Truth" and held a discussion on its issues and options
- ⌘ EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER
 - "Walks the talk" with ECEC kids
 - Uses less paper and supplies
 - Uses ECEC Recycling Center to collect flower pots, food containers, spice boxes, picture frames, painting materials, paper towels, etc., for class projects
 - Plants trees to honor people, for example, Cantor Cal
- ⌘ RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
 - Taught "Our Environment" – a month of study for Keshet (Grades 8-10), using biblical and rabbinic texts

WE'RE TAKING NEW ENVIRONMENT-CONSCIOUS STEPS

- ⌘ Switched to biodegradable flatware and napkins
- ⌘ Use "green" cleaning supplies
- ⌘ Support the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism Magen Tzedek certification of food produced according to ritual and ethical standards that protect workers, animals and the Earth

WE'RE WINNING AWARDS

- ⌘ 2008 Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light (GW IPL) Award for faith institutions
- ⌘ Three recycling awards from Montgomery County

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SAVING MONEY

DOING TIKKUN OLAM

