

Going Green – How Jewish Organizations Can Really Make A Difference

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Jewish Environmental Initiative

Resources for greening your synagogue and your life

Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL)

www.coejl.org

COEJL is a national coalition of Jewish environmental organizations. We seek to expand the contemporary understanding of such Jewish values as tikkun olam (repairing the world) and tzedek (justice) to include the protection of both people and other species from environmental degradation.

COEJL's Greening Synagogues Resources:

www.coejl.org/~coejlor/greensyn/gstoc.php

Interfaith Power & Light/ the Regeneration Project

www.theregenerationproject.org

The mission of the Regeneration Project is to deepen the connection between ecology and faith. Our Interfaith Power and Light campaign is mobilizing a religious response to global warming in congregations through the promotion of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and conservation.

Faith in Place

www.faithinplace.org

Faith in Place gives religious people the tools to become good stewards of the earth. We partner with religious congregations to promote clean energy & sustainable farming.

National Religious Partnership for the Environment

www.nrpe.org

Guided by biblical teaching, the Partnership seeks to encourage people of faith to weave values and programs of care for God's creation throughout the entire fabric of religious life.

Pure Prevention

www.pureprevention.org

Pure Prevention is a new campaign from the Breast Cancer Fund and LUNA Bar to raise awareness about the environmental causes of breast cancer and empower us to live actively, healthy and well.

Collaborative on Health and Environment

www.womenshealthandenvironment.org

The Women's Health and Environment page of the Collaborative on Health and Environment has a great toolkit available as a free download. The toolkit has a "what you can do" section with tips for the home, while the "what we can do" section lays out the policy issues involved in the regulation of chemicals today.

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