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Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation Leads DC-Area Religious Institutions with the Installation of Solar Energy System

*Bethesda synagogue signs power purchase agreement with
Kenergy Solar and Altus Power Management*

Bethesda, MD, December 13, 2010 — Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation, the second synagogue in the country to receive the EPA Energy Star Congregation award a decade ago, today announced that it is expanding its commitment to the environment with a groundbreaking 20-year agreement with Kenergy Solar and Altus Power Management for the purchase of electricity generated by the solar power system mounted on the roof of the synagogue building.

"We are thrilled to be among the first religious buildings in the national capital region to install a large solar array. We hope that many others will soon follow, using the same power purchase agreement approach that we have taken with Kenergy and Altus," said Rabbi Fred Scherlinder Dobb, the spiritual leader of Adat Shalom and the Chairperson of Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light.

"From its inception, the congregation has taken pride in its commitment to the stewardship of Creation and has made choices which reflect that commitment. For example, when our first permanent home was built a decade ago, the design and materials incorporated sustainable and energy efficient features," Rabbi Dobb added.

"We are pleased to have invested in this project to help bring clean energy to Maryland and the United States," said Tom Athan, Co-founder of Altus Power.

By offsetting traditional electricity consumption with clean solar energy, Adat Shalom continues its path as a "green congregation." The innovative solar power purchase agreement (PPA) structure allows Adat Shalom to save money from day one via a below-market price for the electricity generated by the panels, while avoiding upfront capital costs, cutting its carbon footprint, and creating new green collar jobs in Maryland.

The solar array will include 180 American-made panels for a 44 kilowatt solar electric system, which is expected to generate approximately 50,000 kilowatt hours of electricity each year, offsetting approximately 16% of Adat Shalom's existing utility usage.

Adat Shalom's roof will house the solar array, and the synagogue will purchase the power. Altus Power Management will finance, own, operate and maintain the solar system. Kenergy Solar will source and install the system. SH Silverblatt joins Kenergy Solar in providing a complete turnkey installation, and brings nearly forty years of electrical contracting expertise from its base in Baltimore, Maryland. The project will be partially funded by a Maryland Energy Administration grant, as well as with federal solar-incentive tax-credits. It is economically feasible thanks to a robust Maryland Solar Renewable Energy Certificate (SREC) market, the result of Governor Martin O'Malley's comprehensive green agenda.

The solar panel project is an extension of the congregation's continuing commitment "to walk lightly on the Earth." Energy conservation is a consistent concern. The building is divided into six zones to limit the need for fossil-fuel-based heating and cooling. The clerestory windows and dark floor make the social hall work as a passive solar space. Natural ventilation flows throughout the building. On pleasant days, the air flowing between the high and low windows in the sanctuary and social hall creates a cool chimney-effect breeze. The flooring in the social hall and school wing and the carpet in the sanctuary are made primarily of recycled material. The dry wall and steel studs that make up the walls are also mostly from recycled materials. The wood flooring comes from well-managed forests, the shingles on the exterior come from tree stumps from past harvests, and the shelving and counter tops are made from particleboard. The columns that support the entranceway are second-use logs, cut over a century ago. The ner tamid (eternal light) is solar powered.

About Kenergy Solar

Kenergy Solar is an Annapolis-based solar solutions provider in the residential, commercial and municipal government segments. Kenergy specializes in arranging PPA financing for synagogues and other faith-based organizations. It is committed to providing an educational, low-pressure sales process for its customers, with friendly service, honest advice, excellent engineering and top-quality construction. Visit www.kenergysolar.com for more information.

About Altus Power Management

Altus Power Management, LLC is based in Old Greenwich, CT and invests in and manages clean energy projects and renewable energy certificates on behalf of its investors. Its principals draw on their deep expertise in finance, construction, engineering and design to provide renewable energy and solar solutions to commercial and public sector clients.

About SH Silverblatt

SH Silverblatt Electrical Contractor is a 37-year-old electrical contracting firm headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland. With a strong balance sheet and the experience managing projects up to \$2 million, SH Silverblatt brings project management and contracting experience to the team. SH Silverblatt is a Maryland Women-Owned Business Entity (WBE).

About Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation

Adat Shalom provides Washington-area Jews of all ages and backgrounds an opportunity to experience Jewish thought, ritual and culture in a vibrant and progressive community. The congregation provides its members with tools and opportunities to locate their own personal

relationship to Jewish tradition, the Jewish people and, ultimately, the world. Environmental responsibility is a core concern of its members and is reflected in its eco-conscious building and its participation in outreach programs that advance its commitment to healing the planet. Visit www.adatshalom.net for more information.

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