

Adat Shalom Vom Kippur Enviro-Pledges

Reduce your carbon footprint over the next year.

Future generations are depending on you.

Energy source: Install solar panels or subscribe to community solar.	Transportation: Drive less. Walk, bike, and take public transit more.
Energy source: Get a home energy audit and do the recommendations.	Transportation: Map a 2-mile (or other) circle around your home & walk/bike within it.
Energy source: Sign up for 100% local clean energy.	Transportation: Inflate tires and maintain vehicle correctly.
Household: Turn thermostat down 2-3° in winter and up 2-3° in summer.	Transportation: Combine trips.
Household: Change air filters regularly (every 3 months).	Transportation: Buy electric vehicles and charge at night.
Household: Use a programmable thermostat.	Transportation: Buy an un-car (electric bike, scooter, golf cart, etc.).
Household: Switch to LED bulbs.	Transportation: Minimize air travel.
Household: Optimize daylight – no bulbs in daytime.	Food: Use meat only as a condiment at most.
Household: Don't use decorative outdoor lighting unless it is 100% solar.	Food: Don't buy bottled water; use reusable water bottles.
Household: Use cold or warm water for laundry, and line-dry some laundry.	Food: Buy only shade-grown or non-rainforest coffee.
Household: Buy Energy Star appliances.	Food: Buy local, in-season produce
Household: Unplug electronics when not using.	Purchasing: Never buy/use single use plastics, and always use reusable bags
Household: Don't use electricity at peak times (noon - 8PM, Monday - Friday).	Purchasing: Buy 100% recycled toilet paper and other household paper products.
Garden: Use a manual mower and leave grass clippings on your lawn.	Purchasing: Buy long-term, not disposable/temporary.
Garden: Plant a tree. Or two trees.	Purchasing: Buy pre-owned, except when buying new saves energy (appliances, etc.)
Garden: Compost. If you can't, consider a commercial compost service.	Purchasing: Just don't. First reduce. Then reuse. Then repurpose. Then trade.
Garden: Replace grass with native plants and flowers.	Most Important: Support and get involved with local & national environmental groups.
Garden: Eliminate or reduce stormwater runoff – check MoCo's Rainscapes program.	Most Important: Advocate and VOTE to prioritize climate action.

