



Advocacy Update

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Sisterhoods – Implement WRJ’s resolution, “Sustainable Consumption and Production: Learning to Live Together”

The Resolution

WRJ’s resolution, “Sustainable Consumption and Production: Learning to Live Together,” adopted by 48th assembly delegates in December 2011, opens with the following quotation, “The land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land” (Lev. 25:23-24).

Stating the issue as “Climate change, resource scarcity, and conflict over resources have the real potential to harm the world’s population and affect global security,” the resolution advocates governmental and organizational action to create and support a cultural and economic system based on sustainable policies and practices for consumption and production of goods and services. [Read the full resolution](#) on the WRJ website.

Jewish Energy Covenant Campaign

On February 6, 2012, Rabbi Marla Feldman, representing WRJ, signed the "Jewish Environment and Energy Imperative" declaration of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL) Jewish Energy Covenant Campaign, along with many other communal leaders. The campaign’s goal is to lower greenhouse-gas emissions, advocate for energy independence and security, and reduce our community’s energy consumption 14% by 2014. The declaration states: “The need to transform the world’s energy economy while addressing global climate change is not only a religious and moral imperative, it is a strategy for security and survival.”

Urge your sisterhood leaders to join the campaign by [reading and signing](#) the full declaration and taking the COEJL webinar, Creating and Sustaining a Successful Green Team.

Religious Action Center Webinar

Another opportunity for your sisterhood to implement the sustainable consumption and production resolution is a webinar on starting a food-producing garden at your congregation to be hosted by the Religious Action Center.

Planting to Pe'ah: Starting a Food-Producing Garden at Your Congregation

What potential lies in your congregation’s backyard?

Read about the Religious Action Center's special webinar presentation to learn how to create a food-producing garden and strengthen food justice programming for your sisterhood.

Our special guests: Chicago architect and URJ Fain Award-winning urban farmer Robert Nevel and JCC Association Social Responsibility Consultant Barbara Lerman-Golomb will share the Do’s and Don’ts of starting a garden, as well as the cornucopia of benefits your congregation will reap, including:

- Providing a hands-on learning tool for all ages to learn about healthy eating and caring for the land;

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- Broadening social justice work by fulfilling pe'ah, or leaving the corners of their field for those in need;
- Attracting new audiences, especially 20- and 30-year olds, to your community; and
- Creating a shared space for worship and festivals.