



ENVIRONMENTAL PLEDGE INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Outlined below are some actions you and your family can take in furthering Temple Shaaray Tefila's commitment to the environment.

Topic: Plant a Tree

Importance: *Trees are humans' best friend! We need them for life!* Since the beginning, trees have furnished us with two essentials _ food and oxygen. But as humans evolved, trees took on a greater role in providing us with additional necessities, for example, shelter, medicine, and tools. Trees remain an essential part of modern life. Here are some of the ways trees contribute to our environment:

- By providing oxygen and absorbing carbons, trees are essential to the ecosystems in which we reside.
- Trees are necessary for our essential flora and fauna systems. Without them our wildlife could not exist.
- Trees help purify the earth, fight erosion, absorb and reduce runoff and sediment deposits after storms.
- Trees help the groundwater supply recharge.
- Trees help to prevent the transport of chemicals into streams; they mitigate toxicity in the system and can also prevent flooding by their massive root absorption.

Trees are beautiful and majestic. They provide us with shade and gentle wind flow; they grant us peace and tranquility; they provide us with parks and sustain us with their grace and beauty. Trees are a natural habitat; they give us shade and keep us cool, and they enrich the earth. Trees have been lost by deforestation, fires, drought, global warming, and exploitation. They have been violated and eroded and destroyed by humans. It is our time to give back because they are humans' best friend!

Here are some ways you can help:

This Tu B'Shevat Temple Shaaray Tefila has set the goal of [raising \\$1,800 to plant 1,800 trees](https://support.nationalforests.org/fundraiser/4380568) through Hazon at the National Forest Foundation at <https://support.nationalforests.org/fundraiser/4380568>.

Each dollar donated will facilitate the planting of one tree. You can find more information at <https://hazon.org/commit-to-change/get-involved/jtree/>. Please consider joining Shaaray Tefila in meeting its goal by donating through the Shaaray Tefila donation box linked above or directly through the National Forest Foundation website.

Reference Materials: Here is a link to some resources to help you make your decisions on how and why it's important to "Plant Trees":

<https://donorbox.org/nonprofit-blog/best-charities-planting-trees>

We hope you will pledge to commit to Plant a Tree or to any of the other actions we've proposed to you or which you've independently committed to. **Join us by [completing the Temple Shaaray Tefila Environmental Pledge](#) stating your commitment to the environment, if you're comfortable doing so.**

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