



## Greening Synagogues Program Environmental Attitudes Surveys Administration Form

*Instructions to the Program Administrator: Please detach this cover form from the survey packet and retain it for ongoing record-keeping. Then photocopy and distribute to congregational members all of the remaining pages comprising the survey (pages 2-5).*

### **General Information about Place of Worship**

Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Location (County) \_\_\_\_\_ (Town/City) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Units \_\_\_\_\_ Population Size \_\_\_\_\_

### **Survey Information**

Pre-Program Survey Administered \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Program Survey Administered \_\_\_\_\_

### **Program Information**

*For every component of the program administered, fill in the date and a description of the material presented or the programming offered*

Date	Description of Material Presented (What and How)
Ex. 11/23/04	Group discussion with youth group re: conservation of electricity



## Greening Synagogues Program Environmental Attitudes Survey

**Overview:** Our synagogue has been selected to participate in the Greening Synagogues program, an innovative new collaborative venture between the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL) and GreenFaith, New Jersey’s interfaith environmental coalition. As part of this program, we ask you to complete the following survey, in as honest and straightforward a manner as possible. Your answers will be kept anonymous, and will be used only in aggregate to establish an initial baseline measure quantifying the congregation’s awareness of and concern for environmental issues. These results will be compared to those collected a second time when the survey is again administered at the program’s completion.

Thank you for your participation in this survey. Once you have completed the survey, please return it to the synagogue in the enclosed envelope. *Anyone completing this survey may make her- or himself eligible for a lottery drawing for an organic food basket simply by completing the short form at the end of the survey, detaching it from the survey, and returning both the survey and the form together in the same envelope.*

### **Part I -Pre-Survey Questions. Circle the best response**

- 1) Gender?                      Male                      Female
- 2) Age (in years)?            18-25                      26-35                      36-50                      50-65                      66+
- 3) Have you ever heard a sermon with an environmental basis?    Yes    No    Not Sure
- 4) Have you ever had a religious experience in the natural world?                      Yes    No    Not Sure
- 5) How would you best describe yourself?  
     a) Traditional    b) conservative    c) reform                      d) reconstructionist    d) secular/culturally Jewish
- 6) How often have you attended religious services in the past two months?  
     a) weekly                      b) Frequently                      c) Major holidays and lifecycle events                      e) Never/almost never
- 7) Annual family income?  
     a) Under \$30,000    b) \$31,000-\$45,000                      c) \$46,000-\$75,000    d) \$76,000-\$100,000    e) \$100,000+

### **Part II – Survey. For the following statements, please circle the best response**

1) *Earth’s Resources are finite and we should conserve them as much as possible.*

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|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1              | 2     | 3                          | 4        | 5                 |
| Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |

2) *Humankind can do little or nothing about the generation of wastes, use of energy or pollution.*

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|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1              | 2     | 3                          | 4        | 5                 |
| Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |

3) *People should buy products that are produced in an environmentally friendly manner.*

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|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1              | 2     | 3                          | 4        | 5                 |
| Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |

4) *Products should be taxed depending upon their effect upon the environment.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

5) *It is our responsibility to leave the earth in better shape than we found it.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

6) *People could never survive on renewable energy sources.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

7) *I would choose safety features over low gas mileage when purchasing a car/vehicle.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

8) *Natural resources cannot be depleted because we will always find other energy sources or new methods of energy generation.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

9) *Nature is resilient and has the ability to cleanse itself.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

10) *People can take an active part in controlling the amount of resources used and the amount of waste products that are produced.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

12) *The Jewish tradition espouses that people should act as “stewards of creation.”*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

13) *God created the resources of the earth for our use.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

14) *Following Jewish tradition we believe that God has granted us use of the earth, but God has absolute ownership.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

15) *People have special rights beyond those of other living things.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

16) *Stewardship is living on the earth, respecting creation by preserving creation and repairing what has been damaged.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

17) *Ultimately, all life belongs to God, who sustains us in and through the land.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

18) *God has concern for other creatures of the earth, not only humans.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

19) *Caring for creation is an act of Tikkun Olam.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

20) *Advocating against pollution, waste and energy standards is a matter of fighting for social justice.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

21) *The Torah declares that we should preserve our resources for future generations.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

22) *One of Israel's greatest achievements is making the desert bloom.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

23) *Pollution, and depletion of resources such as clean water, are minor problems in Israel, compared to issues of security.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

24) *Energy conservation in the United States can affect relationships in the Middle East.*

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

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