

III. Public Policy:

We will actively advocate in the public policy debate for at least one of the following:

- A) Better public transportation
- B) Government investment in and conversion to clean renewable energy
- C) Pushing both the government and the automobile industry to develop and make available more energy-efficient vehicles.
- D) Support for a "carbon tax" on energy sources scaled according to how much CO₂ they force into the atmosphere.

IV. Festival and Life-Cycle Observance:

We will adopt at least one of these approaches by next Rosh Hashanah, and take steps toward adopting the others:

- A) We will use Hanukkah as a crucial time to focus the attention of the congregation on ending America's oiloholic addiction and, by the year 2020, reducing the use of oil by American society to the Hanukkah Standard: One Day's Oil for Eight Days' Needs.
- B) We will bring forward the earth-protective aspect of all the seasons of our joy -- Rosh Hashanah as the rebirthing of the world and the time of Tashlich meditation on reversing our sins against the rivers and the earth, Sukkot as the time of harvest and Shmini Atzeret as the season of renewing rain, Tu B'Shvat as the rebirthing of trees, Pesach as the flowering of life, Shavuot as the time when both first fruits and the Torah come to fruition, Tisha B'Av as the moment of seeing the danger to the planetary macrocosm of which the Temple was the microcosm.
- C) We will include in all Bar/Bat Mitzvah study and celebration a commitment that for the sake of future generations of life on our planet, we will seek to heal our planet from its wounds, especially invoking our responsibility to carry out God's promise: "I will send Elijah the Prophet to turn the hearts of parents to children and the hearts of children to parents, lest the earth be utterly destroyed." Preparation for B'nai Mitzvah celebrations will include classes in which parents and children together examine this issue.

To join in the covenant, please write Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Director, and Russ Agdern, National Organizer, of The Shalom Center's Beyond Oil campaign, at 6711 Lincoln Dr., Philadelphia, PA 19119 or awaskow@aol.com and ragdern@gmail.com.