



Clean energy

MIDDLETOWN — Congregation Adath Israel voted to commit to purchasing clean energy. The synagogue is the first in Connecticut to do so.

The synagogue will make this purchase through the CT Clean Energy Options that is now offered to rate payers through their electric bills. Several congregation members have already volunteered to pay this small premium and Adath Israel is also encouraging all its members to purchase clean energy for their homes.

Clean, renewable sources such as wind, solar or low-impact hydropower are naturally unlimited in supply and do not cause the buildup of global warming gases or toxins in the atmosphere. More than three-quarters of Connecticut's electricity is produced by nuclear power plants and by burning fossil fuels. The vast majority of scientists now indicate that carbon dioxide produced from burning fossil fuels is a leading contributor to global warming.

The synagogue's clean energy resolution came after a presentation by Andy Bauer, a member of the Adath Israel community and chairman of the Portland Clean Energy Task Force. As part of a clean energy incentive launched by the CT Clean Energy Fund, towns that support clean energy purchases at the municipal level are eligible to receive a free photovoltaic system if a certain number of residents sign up for the clean energy options. Both Portland and Middletown have made such commitments.

This clean energy campaign is a collaboration of Clean Water Fund, SmartPower, Environment Northeast and Interreligious Eco-Justice Network. More information can be found at www.gocleanenergy.com.