



We want our community as a whole to engage with our Biblical, and Talmudic obligation of *Tikkun Olam* by ensuring our descendants are born in a pristine natural world

Maidenhead Synagogue takes its energy and environmental responsibilities seriously, encouraging members to adopt the principles laid out in this document. We are morally obligated to reduce the environmental impact caused by its operations and that of the wider community.

The Synagogue's Eco Committee has been tasked with overseeing our efforts in the following areas:

We as a synagogue community are committed to:

- Operate as a Fair Trade Synagogue by using Fair Trade items in the cafe, such as tea, coffee, and sugar. Offer other Fair Trade items whenever possible;
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning products in the building;
- Grow vegetables on-site to use in the Synagogue kitchen. This could include contributing fresh vegetables to the Friday Night Dinners, the Wednesday Social lunches, homeless lunches and Kaytana activities;
- Use and share the edible fruit produced in our Biblical Garden. Mulberries, figs, grapes, almonds, apples, pears and plums can be used in the Synagogue kitchen, with excess food being given away free of charge;
- Compost kitchen vegetable peelings and other raw organic waste from the kitchen via the council collection;
- Compost weeds, grass cuttings and other natural garden waste products on-site. This will be used to replenish the soil for next year's vegetables;
- Create a Green Travel Plan to encourage more car-sharing, cycling and walking to/from our site;
- Highlight public transport links to the synagogue and facilitate lifts to and from the station;
- Encourage the use of electric vehicles and will do so by working towards providing charging points for electric cars;
- We are a 'single-use plastic free' community and offer alternatives to cling film and plasticised plates at all functions; it is the responsibility of members hiring outside caterers to make them aware of and adhere to this policy;
- Divert waste from landfills by reusing, recycling and composting as much as possible;

- Being mindful of our environmental impact with lighting and heating; turning off lights and turning down the heating by 1 degree where appropriate;
- Any disposable plates, cutlery and cups used in the synagogue should be biodegradable;
- The synagogue cutlery and crockery are available to use free of charge for all events;