

## TRS Roof Top Solar System Goes Live — Climate Workshop to Follow

In late December, 350 new solar panels began generating zero-emissions electricity on TRS rooftops. The panels are on the Social Hall, the new clergy/classroom wing, the main Sanctuary, and the ring roof. The system generates more than enough energy to meet the increased power demand of our expanded sacred space. About 100 congregations in the DC MD VA metro area have solar panels. Ours is about the 16th largest--and probably the largest among the six Jewish congregations with solar power.



The solar installation is financed through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Secure Futures, which minimizes the up-front costs for TRS. Secure Futures owns the panels, manages the system, and sells electricity to TRS at a fixed price comparable to what we pay Dominion Energy in 2020 for the next 20 years. Thus, if Dominion rates increase in the future, TRS will have locked in cheaper greener power.

Why rooftop solar at TRS? Scientists warn that humanity faces a climate emergency, with early impacts already being felt, most sharply by poor people. Avoiding the worst impacts will require a rapid transformation of societies and economies to achieve zero net emissions by 2050. The TRS rooftop solar is an early step in our community's journey towards that ambitious goal.

You can help accelerate the process by joining the TRS Climate Crisis Workshop on Sunday, March 14, 4:00-5:30 PM. Starting with teaching by Rabbi Saxe on Jewish values and climate change, we will explore multiple pathways for action as a Jewish community.

Register here for the Climate Crisis Workshop:

[https://templerodefshalom.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-uvqjksGtR9jibyQsUq\\_8YookZQ1w-](https://templerodefshalom.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-uvqjksGtR9jibyQsUq_8YookZQ1w-)

For more information on the event, contact [Wendy Cohen](#) or [Lawrence MacDonald](#). For information on the TRS solar system or if you wish to install rooftop solar on your home, contact [David Hindin](#).