



Dear members,

Global warming has become a reality nobody can escape from. Glaciers are melting, sea levels are rising – and more and more habitats and the people and animals living in them are becoming severely affected.

The KNM Green Team would like to encourage all members to communally carbon offset all shul-related travel. This includes driving to and from shul and other locations for the various events and services we organise, as well as Rabbi Joel's frequent commute from Israel by plane.

Offsetting carbon emissions is done by supporting projects that reduce and even reverse carbon emissions through a variety of ways. We are proposing to use a bona fide organisation called Gold Standard (www.goldstandard.org). Our team has been looking at a number of different projects available, and decided to support Project Togo, which works on sustainable afforestation in Togo "that captures CO₂ emissions while engaging communities to provide long-term co-benefits in the areas of energy, water supply, health, education and social affairs" (see <https://www.goldstandard.org/projects/sustainable-afforestation-togo>). We believe this project delivers on its main target, i.e. CO₂ reduction, whilst supporting the local community and environment at the same time.

Carbon offset is much cheaper than one might think. We estimated the rough number of synagogue-related journeys including Joel's flights, and our total annual CO₂ emission is around 15.18 tonnes. Offsetting this is around £120/year, for the whole of the community. This is about £1 per member. I'd like to call this the KNM "green token". Whilst this is of course entirely voluntary, we would encourage all members to take part and donate £1 per person. This is of course only taking our average shul-related travel into account. It would be amazing if members would consider private travel and other carbon-producing activities too!

Please give your £1/member (or more if you feel like it!) to help us do our bit to offset carbon, and slow down global warming. Get everyone involved, including children, and discuss what we are doing and why.

KNM's bank details are: Sort Code 40 52 40, A/C No 00007543

Please transfer the money to our account with the reference "green token".

Thank you so much and see you all soon.

Daniel Preter and the members of the KN Green Team