

**Greetings from Cory Schneider**  
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Good morning.

Women's League for Conservative Judaism has always prided itself on its programs that reflect its dual commitment: to Jewish life and tradition and to the world around us. There is no better theme that reflects this -- and certainly none more timely -- than our renewed commitment to protecting the environment

When we are told in the first chapters of *Bereishit* that, "When the LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden, "to plant and preserve it" (*l'avdah ul'shamrah*), we became partners in creation.

This year, as we gather to observe Women's League Shabbat, we can be proud of our focus on environmental mitzvot, which is the subject of several new Women's League programs: *Mitzvah Yomit: A Mitzvah a Day*, *Yom Yarok: Green Day*, *A Tu B'Shevat Celebration*, and also the theme of our 2009-2010 Torah Fund campaign, *L'avdah Ul'shamrah*.

It is easy, and gratifying, being green!

Shabbat shalom!

