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## *Report from the Field – New Light for Hanukkah*



Below is a report from one of PNE's volunteers, Linda Banashek, who is a loving mother, wife and community leader in Boulder, CO:

***Dear Audrey,***

*It's so exciting to see how the [New Light Project](#) is moving along in all of the various state capitol houses. I want to share something with you on that note.*

*Just recently I have learned that our Jewish community here in Boulder is in the process of **greening** our synagogue. How cool is that?*

*The project is spearheaded by the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL) whose mission is to help Jews make a connection between Judaism and the environment ([www.coejl.org](http://www.coejl.org)). The goal is to have synagogues all over the nation replace all of their existing bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs by Hanukkah which begins at sunset December 15<sup>th</sup>. Hanukkah is also known as the festival of lights. How appropriate!*

*On sunset, December 15<sup>th</sup>, synagogues all over the country will turn on their "New Light" to celebrate the festival of lights. Can you get the impact that this is going to make on our planet?*

*I'm hoping that everyone who reads this gets inspired and enrolls everyone in their various communities to create "New Light" in their spaces. Schools, businesses, homes, corporations... **The list is long but the effort is easy.***

*Have an incredible holiday season,*

*Love, Linda*

*PS CFLs make wonderful gifts!*

**Dear Linda:**

It was great seeing you and your son, Sage, today at the first performance of the Nutcracker!

Thank you for your report from the field. As you know, I respect and honor all the world's religions and spiritual practices. Your report is inspiring!

Life is getting very exciting, isn't it? The more we work on these projects the more there is the experience of being connected to everything. *Can you* imagine if every place of worship, in every faith, brought New Light to their buildings, how much CO2 we could reduce from the atmosphere? ... Probably in the hundreds of millions of metric tons! What a tipping point that would create!!

Thank you for being a leader in your life and for coming into the PNE office with your golden hair and deep blue eyes and smiling face. It's a privilege to be your friend.

"Here's to mothers who make a difference!"

Love, Audrey

***Tips to reduce your carbon footprint:***

- Replace the five most used light bulbs in your home and work with CFLs.
- Give a gift of a case of CFLs to your Mom and/or mother-in-law.
- Sign up for wind power for your electricity.
- Upgrade refrigerator and clothes washer to Energy-star products.
- Turn off light switches as much as possible.
- Stay educated and informed about *climate change and you*.