Are Jews White? The Peculiar Role of Jews in Contemporary Race Relations
Presented by Rabbi Eli
Sunday, January 29, 1:00 pm

Historians agree that America is obsessed with race and has been since its beginnings. "White" has been the American norm while everything else is considered "other." Jews have experienced a very peculiar role in the racial identity of our country: passable as white, Jews achieved affluence and influence after only one generation of immigration, whereas African Americans continued to struggle. On the other hand, as we have recently seen, Jews have never been considered white by white nationalists in the United States. What do we Jews have to offer the race struggle in our country given our unique role in it? In what ways are we white? And in what ways are we "other"? How do we engage the issue of race during a time when the subject is so rife with tension?
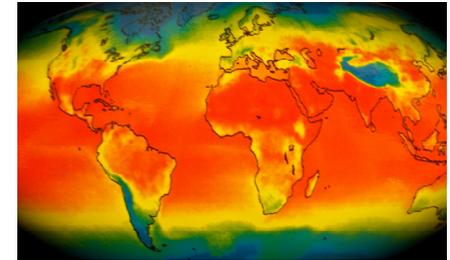
Climate Change, Nu? A Climate Change Update
Presented by Linda & Gary Wallmark
Sunday, March 26, 1:00 pm

This slide show presentation by **350 Salem OR,** a climate change activist group, and the local affiliate of the international grassroots organization devoted to advocating action on the climate change issue. The slide show presentation addresses the science and impacts of climate change and the closely related social justice issue; namely, that it is the poor who contribute least to climate change and yet suffer the most from its impacts. The slide show concludes with the variety of solutions and actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Also included are excerpts from the *Jewish Community Priorities for Climate and Energy Policy 2008 of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL)*. Presenters Linda and Gary Wallmark, 350 Salem OR activists and long-time Salem residents, have based their slide show on research by NASA, NOAA, the National Academy of Science, and others.

Please join us for a discussion on one of the most important issues of the day. Learn what you can do to become part of the solution.