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**“The Real Health, Economic and Climate Crisis
Costs of Fossil Fuels to Southwest Pennsylvania – And Next Steps”**

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5738 Forbes Ave., Squirrel Hill

Residents of the East End and Squirrel Hill have often smelled the industrial stench that permeates their neighborhoods on early mornings, especially during an “inversion,” an atmospheric condition that occurs when polluted cooler air becomes trapped at the Earth’s surface by a layer of warmer air above.

Now there’s an opportunity to understand and learn about the region’s air quality in a broader context.

The Jewish Community Center cordially invites the general public and media to a forum that will present the health and economic impacts of fossil fuels, climate change and the buildout of the petrochemical industry in our region. The program will reflect on the moral challenge of these industries and survey the potential environmental and health hazards associated with fossil fuel industries on the region.

“The Center for Loving Kindness and Civic Engagement is pleased to host so many experts and organizations who advocate for the environment,” says Rabbi Ron Symons, executive director. “The air we breathe impacts our health and economy. Let’s be honest, if we do not care for our environment, nothing else we do will matter.”

Speakers include: James Fabisak, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health, Lisa Graves Marcucci of Environmental Integrity Project, Matt Mehalik of Breathe Project and Ned Ketyer, a pediatrician.

This program is for environmental advocates and those new to the conversation. Please come and bring along friends.

Attendees will be encouraged to circulate among the many environmental organizations tabling during the program and join one of many ongoing campaigns including: GASP, PennFuture, Beaver County Marcellus Awareness Community, ACCAN, PennEnvironment, League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, Clean Air Council and more.

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