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Benjamin Sternthal and Julie Schneiderman, the married couple who founded Kulam, a humanitarian organization rooted in Jewish values, report that they received

a grant from the Newman's Own Foundation, created by the late actor Paul Newman. The money is being used to install solar panels on the two-room school they built earlier this year in the Ethiopian village of Shumargie. This natural energy will enable the entire community to use the building after daylight hours. They have also purchased a computer for the school and are looking into a satellite Internet program that will allow the students new learning opportunities and to connect with the world. Kulam (meaning everybody in Hebrew) now has its own live website, www.kulam.ca, where updates are available on various projects. Sternthal, a real estate developer, and Schneiderman are now raising funds to build wells, including one near the school to provide clean drinking water.