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
SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

 ***Congregational Education Track***

Bring Lively and effective Jewish environmental programming to your classroom, congregation or community

 ***Camp and Wilderness Track***

Teach Jewish values through camping, hiking, backpacking, drama and storytelling

 ***Ethics and Texts Track***

Study biblical, rabbinic and contemporary texts that address the relationship between humanity and Creation

 ***Organic Agriculture and Educational Gardening Track***

Learn to design and maintain a thriving educational garden. This track facilitated by the Jewish Farm School.

 *Open to all seminar participants*

Congregational Education

JNF 101: Introduction to Jewish National Fund's Environmental Work in Israel, Rabbi Eric Lankin (J Lodge)

Jewish National Fund has been the caretaker of the land and people of Israel, on behalf of its owners, Jewish people everywhere, since 1901. JNF's work in seven action areas: Water, Ecology, Education, Security, Community Development, Research, and Tourism & Recreation, has helped Israel to become a global environmental leader. Learn how your school and congregation can join JNF In supporting Israel.

Teva's Arba Minim curriculum, Nili Simhai, Teva's Director(Moose Room)

Enliven this Sukkot with a toolbox of curriculum for engaging discussion, juicy blessings, and water celebrations to rival ancient Jerusalem! Learn to teach a powerful exploration of the four species - etrog, myrtle, palm and willow - through local ecology, personal identity, and agricultural context. This workshop will feature curriculum for community, youth and family Sukkot celebration.

Seasons of Earth & Torah, Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Director of the Shalom Center(Moose Room)

This workshop will look especially at ways to shape Tisha B'Av, Sukkot, Hanukkah, Pesach, & Bar-Bat Mitzvah time so as to address the climate crisis -- educationally, ceremonially, & through activist advocacy.

Cultivating Sustainability, Wendy Rosen (J Lodge)

This class is designed as an interactive forum for the discussion of the subject of sustainability. This is a topic that is being widely addressed with increasing frequency, and it has far-reaching implications for every area of our lives. How do we define sustainability, and how do we teach the importance of (re)creating sustainable attitudes and behaviors so that we may help bring our way of life back into balance? Participants are invited to bring their experience and insight to this open exchange as we struggle with these essential questions of our time. Through the collaboration of skills, resourcefulness and creativity, we will aim to launch ideas for educational initiatives that would engage students in learning activities that model sustainable living. A goal of this class is to lay the groundwork for future communal program development.

Integrating Environmental Education, Programming and Advocacy, Sybil Sanchez and Rachel Cohen (Moose Room)

Rachel Cohen from the Religious Action Center and Sybil Sanchez of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life will focus on how to effectively integrate advocacy into existing educational and programmatic work on environmental issues and make the link between environmental values and education with political action. Advocacy and public awareness of environmental policy is a critical aspect of our responsibility as stewards of God's creation and can include anything from writing letters to the U.S. Congress to speaking out on environmental justice issues in your local community. We will discuss why and how the Jewish community is involved in environmental advocacy and who the major voices are in the complex network of environmentalism. We will provide a legislative update from Capitol Hill and discuss specific areas where advocacy can be easily integrated into existing programs, priorities, and committee work on issues such as clean water and food. Lastly we will discuss tools that can be used to integrate advocacy into Jewish environmental work and provide background on current environmental advocacy efforts among Jewish and other faith-based organizations, including include a short simulation as an example of how to bring this model home.

JNF - Test Your Local Water Sources: Sukkot & WWMD (world water monitoring day program), Natasha Cooper-Benisty & Juliet Barr (J Lodge/ Rain Plan: Little Play House)

International World Water Monitoring Day takes place every October around the holidays of Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret. While leading students in a science experiment to test water sources for temperature, turbidity, dissolved oxygen and pH, you can also discuss the Jewish concept of water as the source of life, the importance of water in Israel, and connect your local water testing to the state of the global environment. Receive materials and resources to continue this experiment with your own local water sources.

Teva's Kiddush Levana curriculum, Nili Simhai (Moose Room)

Raise the roof and welcome in the stars with this first ever opportunity to learn Teva's Kiddush Levana - sanctification of the moon - curriculum. Invite your students and community to jump, sing, greet, foster ecological awareness, and tap into Jewish time with this special Jewish ritual - a sacred moment to look up!

JNF- Branching Out: Interactive Tu BiShvat Haggada, Nina Woldin & Natasha Cooper-Benisty (J Lodge)

Hadar, with modern readings, activities, discussion questions and games. Suitable for all ages. Part of the session will also focus on JNF's new environmental Tu BiShvat haggadah, geared for teens and young adults.

Produce Preservation 101, Ruhi Sophia (Teva Center)

This course would provide a hands-on demo about the basics of canning your own produce to preserve long term. We will cover the elementary safety requirements for canning, and each participant can leave with a small jar of applesauce or tomato sauce (subject to change, but of something!) This course is not an introduction to pickling, but simply food preservation of whatever excess bounty your garden might give you in season, so you can save it up for winter months, and don't have to buy tomato sauce in December!

Hanukah as an Environmental Holiday, Noam Dolgin (Beit Midrash)

One day's supply of oil lasts for eight. A group of passionate committed people fight for something they believe in and win. This ancient miracle of the Macabbees is repeated daily when we switch to low energy light bulbs, reduce our personal and communal consumption level, and fight for systematic and political change. Learn how to make your community's Hanukkah an energy efficient "Light unto the Nations" with activities, handouts, and ideas.

JNF GoNeutral Education Programs for Middle and High School, Nina Woldin (J Lodge)

Find out about flexible programs that work as a lesson in a classroom, as a school, synagogue or summer camp club, or as a segment in a youth group meeting. *JNF Green Corps* for middle school and *JNF Green Team* for high school teach about environmental issues and give students an opportunity work together on *tikkun olam* projects both locally and in Israel. Additionally, we will present our JNF GoNeutral Shabbat guide, one of our many resources to help your synagogue/school “Go Green.”

Inspiring Hope When Addressing Global Climate Change and Energy Policy, Sybil Sanchez, Director of COEJL(Moose Room)

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Elves! Gnomes! Fairies! and Shretelech? David Arfa (Gazebo)

Join this mini-expedition for a slow- paced guided hike in search of the kindly Shretelech, the Yiddish word for the little people. We’ll explore the natural world through the eyes of children, hear stories of the magical Shretelech, and build shelters for them. Along with entering the secret world of the Shretelech, this program shares activities that introduce Jewish blessings for the natural world and teaches adults how to reframe this walk as a contemplative nature hike and antidote to “nature-deficit disorder”.

Partnership with the World: A Mini Course for Supplemental Jewish High Schools, Joy Newman (Beit Midrash)

This course will provide a sample curriculum for teaching Jewish environmentalism to teens in a supplemental Jewish high school setting. Course discussion will focus on how to adapt the materials in the sample curriculum, as well as materials learned at the Seminar, to meet your specific needs

Flip the Switch - Turning on the Power of Human Behavior to Green Your Organization, Mirele Goldsmith (J Lodge)

Greening your organization takes people power. Whether you are just beginning to go green, or you have already invested time and money in reducing your environmental impacts, you need cooperation from your staff, board, members and participants. In fact, changing the way people behave is the fastest and least expensive way to green your organization. In this workshop you will learn how you can use the insights of psychology and social marketing to engage people in green efforts including recycling, energy conservation and green purchasing.

Ask the expert: a Greening panel moderated by: Rachel Jacoby - Rosenfeld. Panelists: Ronnie Brockman, Alexandra Kuperman, JR Rich, Jacqueline Ebner, & Karen Walsh (Moose Room)

Whether you work in a congregation, a Jewish institution, or you want to work on your own personal greening goals, this session will appeal to you. The panelists feature a wide array of experience and knowledge in the Jewish environmental field. There will be time for Q&A.

Overview of Israel's Environmental Situation, Noam Dolgin (G Lodge)

Oleh U'veneh (Arise and Build) is one of many early Zionist slogans calling for growth, settlement, and development of the land of Israel. But has it gone too far? Has Israeli's need for western style development and standard of living, come at the expense of the land we love to dear? This workshop will present the Israel's current environmental reality and discuss sustainable solutions to Israel's growth.

Go Green and Save Green, Juliet Barr (J Lodge)

No matter the size of your congregation, the buzzword today is "green." Knowing that the economic times have affected us all, and realizing that the environment is, and has always been a Jewish issue, we will discuss some ideas that you can bring home to your own synagogue to bring Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur observances right back to the earth, at very little cost. This class will take the participants through three learning styles: text study, chevruta exchange, and experiential learning. We will then come together as a group and evaluate what we have learned and explore how to expand on this knowledge to meet the particular goals of our own institutions.

Jewcology, Evonne Marzouk, Director of Canfei Nesharim (Moose Room)

Jewcology.com is a project of 17 graduates of ROI, who have come together to create a resource for the entire Jewish-environmental community. Jewcology will be an open source database where Jewish environmentalists can network, share resources,

and learn from one another. The portal will allow you to browse and search a rich set of Jewish-environmental resources on various category “tags”, create and maintain your own individual blog, search other Jewish Environmentalists for specific areas of expertise, create private and public “communities” on items of shared interest, post and learn about other Jewish environmental campaigns and events, browse and purchase products from numerous Jewish Environmental organizations, and more! Learn how you can use Jewcology to connect to other Jewish environmentalists and find resources to empower your work.

JNF Israel Education for Elementary Grades, JNF, Nina Woldin (J Lodge)

Experience Israel and the environment through fun and creative activities - stories, crafts, recipes, songs and movement that develop literacy, math and science skills. Learn about JNF's educational newsletters *A New Leaf* and *Growing UP!*, our interactive educational website: www.jnf.org/yourpage, and enjoy a visit from Blue Box Bob.

A New Ritual for Sukkot - the Holiday of Water, Mirele Goldsmith(Arts & Crafts)

Rain dances? Water-drawing ceremonies? Sacred pools? We Jews have them all! The world is facing a water crisis. Billions lack access to clean water. Climate change will be felt in great part through changes in the water cycle. Yet in our communities many people are barely aware of where our water comes from, the condition of our local water sources, and the price we pay for water. In this session you will participate in an inspiring new ritual for Sukkot that draws on ancient Jewish teachings about the value of water. You will be prepared to go home and lead a Tikkun Mayim (ceremony for repair of our relationship with water) for your community.

What's going Green in the Jewish Community? Panel, Jessica Haller, Mirele Goldsmith, Evonne Marzou, Jonathan Dubinsky (Moose Room)

Join leading professionals in the Jewish environmental field to discuss exciting and innovations and happenings.

JNF Parparim: Butterflies of Israel, Nina Woldin (J Lodge)

Parparim focuses on the geography and climate of Israel and other countries in the Middle East through the framework of butterfly migration and the environment. Students will also be engaged in community service projects to benefit conservation in their local communities and in Israel. The program explores social issues. Students will connect to the Butterfly Project of the Holocaust Museum in Houston, TX through the symbolism related to butterflies: transformation, hope, faith and religious freedom.

Ecopsychology, Patrycja Slawuta (Moose Room)

Ecopsychology presents a relatively new and powerful approach to study environment. In mainstream Western psychology the wellbeing of people is typically described as interplay between intrapsychic forces or taken more broadly - as relationships and interactions between people. Ecopsychology -- on the other hand -- broadens this approach and looks at entire ecological systems. In other words, the framework of ecopsychology studies the entire planet as an integrated, organic, and complex system. In this course we will learn about newest trends in the psychology of environment, starting with a term coined by Harvard biologist E.O. Wilson "biophilia" which states that humans have an innate tendency to focus on life and life-like processes. What this means and how can this be used to promote environmental consciousness will be discussed during the class.

Beyond Parsley: Multi-Age curriculum for Tu Bishvat Laura Bellows (Mountain View Gazebo Outdoor Covered Space)

Next Tu Bishvat, bring home some of Teva's best indoor/classroom teaching. This workshop will model and explain how to teach creative tree, food and blessing themed activities, adaptable for any age, including: Build A Tree, Tree Jigsaw, Perfect Product, and Apples & Maple Syrup.

Sustainable Peace, Noam Dolgin (J Lodge)

We've all heard the speculation that the next war in the Middle East will be fought over water. This precious natural resource is one of many shared by Israel's citizens and neighbors. In this workshop we will explore the shared environmental concerns around land, water, and air, and discuss how collaboration is vital in addressing social and environmental sustainability and creating lasting peace.

The Unnatural Jew: Exploring our Personal Connection to Land, Noam Dolgin (Moose Room)

How well do you know the geography of your home state or country? Can you name the lakes, rivers, mountains, valleys? Most Israelis can. In this session we will learn activities that explore our personal connection to our homelands in the Diaspora and Israel, discuss historic and current reasons for these relationships, and view Zionism as a movement to re-indigenize the Jewish people.

Eco Drama or Eco Midrash, Rebecca Lemus (Eddie Cantor Stage)

Participants will engage in theater games tailored to teach Jewish environmental concepts. They will act out and think critically by making skits from challenging and engaging texts. Participants will come away with solid activities to bring to their home

synagogue and opportunity to trade ideas concerning the fine points of teaching drama without the drama. We will move, play, explore and have fun!

Oy Veh I'm Svitzing, a Jewish Response to Climate Change, Noam Dolgin (Moose Room)

Climate change is the pressing environmental challenge of our day, so in an attempt to look forward, let's look back at what Jewish tradition has to offer this modern problem. Explore Jewish texts related to energy conservation and waste reduction, pikuach nefesh (responsibility to save life,) plus biblical values of withholding rain and climate change as G-d's form of punishment. Learn activities that facilitate students understanding of why climate change is a Jewish issue and how we can work together to solve it.

Advancing a Vision of Greener Weddings in our Congregations, Joelle Novy (G Lodge)

Believe it or not, Jewish communities have been struggling with appropriate expenditures for weddings for many generations. "Because of extravagances, the expenses in our times for clothing for weddings have increased so that many of our daughters are humiliated when it comes time for them to get married," wrote the Chofetz Chaim in the late 19th Century. "Fathers and mothers cry and wail and no one can help them." We'll think about strategies for educating Jewish communities about mindful purchasing for wedding and commitment celebrations, using Jews United for Justice's "Green and Just Celebrations" guide. What can we do to ensure that more of the millions of dollars spent on Jewish celebrations in our communities reflect Jewish values?

 **Camp and Wilderness**

Fire Building for Large Groups: Arriving at the Burning Bush, Jonathan Dubinsky, Teva's School and Camp Program Coordinator and Marta Beuchler (Fire Pit , Rain Plan: Little Play House)

Have you ever wanted to learn how to build a really big fire? We will be doing just that along with sharing stories and traditions from Judaism and relation to fire.

Pond Probe (Water Front & Gazebo)

Under the still waters of our gorgeous Surprise Lake lays an entire unexplored underwater community. Learn how to test water quality and to identify the animals that live in freshwater communities in this Pond Probe workshop.

Group Building as a Model for Environmental Change, Ariel Vegosen (G Lodge)

Come and learn specific group building games that will inspire participants to work together, create community, and a base for environmental activism. The group building games that participants will learn in this workshop range from traditional trust building activities to environmentally based cooperation activities. Workshop attendees will learn a model of communication that can be used with their participants to discuss environmental issues and specific team building exercises from a Jewish lens. Participants attending this workshop will leave with a tool belt of group building activities from basic get-to-know yous and ice breakers to more intense levels of communication and debriefing skills. Participants will leave feeling like confident facilitators.

Awareness Hike - "God looked into the Torah and created the world." - Bereishit (Genesis) Rabbah, Sarah Chandler & Ruhi Sophia Rubenstein (Meet at Flag Pole -- Rain or shine!)

It has been said that when we became a people of the book, we ceased to be the people of the land. During our time together, we will reconnect to the land of the local forest habitat. In an ecosystem in which mosquitoes pollinate blueberries and humans can survive on mushrooms and leaves, the opportunities to be amazed by the natural world are limitless. We will learn about how to be safe and comfortable in the woods. We will take a closer look at local plant and animal species. From taking an ant's view of the forest floor to meditating among the trees, we will focus our minds and bodies on the rhythms of nature. Participants will walk away with a variety of activities to bring nature to life for their setting, from holistically integrating Jewish ritual and text to local ecology to group building activities.

*Please wear long pants & socks & bring a water bottle.

LeadEarth - Environmental Activism in Israel and India: A discussion with Yarden Tenenbaum and Uri Amit, the directors (J Lodge)

Masa has several 5 - 10 month programs in Israel that offer young Jewish adults the opportunity to volunteer, intern and study in different aspects of the environmental community in Israel. They include Arava Institute, Kibbutz Lotan, The Eco-Israel Permaculture farming program and more. LeadEarth, the newest environmentally focused program, is an 8 month program combining environmental activism in Israel and India.

Awareness Stroll, Laura Bellows, Teva's Congregational and Community Program Coordinator (Gazebo) **weather permitting

Rabbi Nachman teaches that even blades of grass sing their own song to G!d. Join Laura for a toolbox of activities, scavenger hunts, and games to encourage learners of any age to connect to and appreciate nature and the works of creation, even when little outdoor or natural space is available. Tap into the wildness of a manicured lawn and listen to the grass between the sidewalks.

Water fight: Teaching water conversation in Israel: Keynote Follow-up, Sarah Chandler, Itamar Landau & Shawn Guttman (G Lodge)

In this session we will process some of the big ideas from the keynote and strategize ways to translate them into educational programs for our settings.

Council of All Beings, Rabbi David Seidenberg (G Lodge)

Starting from the development of ethical principles in midrash from the verses "Love your neighbor like yourself" and "the image of God" in ancient texts, we will look at Rashi's midrashic development of ethics from the commandment to treat the stones of the altar in a respectful manner, and then hone in on Cordovero's development in Tomer Devorah of an ethical system that gives all creatures and beings moral standing. Cordovero ultimately applies the "Love your neighbor like yourself" to animals! His way of doing this is subtle and easily overlooked, but profoundly significant.

Shabbat B'Teva Curriculum, Laura Bellows (Gym)

Join us for a spirited exploration of Jewish environmental pedagogy, games, and curricula designed to engage and inspire learners around themes of Shabbat and Ma'aseh Breishit (the works of creation). Introduce any age to the ecological wisdom of Shabbat and empower them to develop tools of awareness, inquiry, and responsibility for creation, while building vibrant community. We will discuss how to adapt activities for learners of many ages. Based on participant interest, we may also discuss practical tips for planning a meaningful eco-Shabbat Retreat for your community.

Tu Bishvat: Recycled Arts & Crafts, Part 1 and 2, Eve Randone (Arts & Crafts)

Remember this old project from school? Paper Mache has been around since paper was invented. Today there are many contemporary artists using paper Mache as a medium for their artistic expression. This is a fabulous eco art project for all ages and all levels. In this class we will create whimsy little birds all made of recycled materials for you to take home.

Beads come from all over the world and their size and color and shape are widely varied. For this project we will take recycled paper of all types and colors to make our beads. You can write your hopes, dreams, blessing, and prayers on the paper and incorporate it into the pulp we use. When the beads re dry you can embellish them and string them together to make wonderful jewelry to take home.

Teva Spa, Martha Schwartz (Teva Center)

Have you ever wondered what is in that amazing product that you put on your hair? You probably don't want to know. But at Teva's all-natural spa you will learn how to make all sorts of glamorous products out of nature's own medicine cabinet. Teach the Jewish value of shmirat hagoof - taking care of one's body with Eco-Spa.

Teva Television - the best of Teva's teaching skits, Aliza Sandberg, Marta Beuchler & Rebecca (Eddie Cantor Stage)

WTVA is a highly impactful and fun model for imparting environmental messages to large groups of children of all ages through high energy, usually funny and always meaningful skits. Look for an example of WTVA on Monday during one of our meals together.

Ecological Design: Energy and Creation, Jonathan Dubinsky (On Topsy Turvy Bus)

This session is on the Topsy Turvy Teva bus! We will learn together the story of fossil fuels in this country and look at it in light of the creation story. How does G-d create? We will look at the used veggie oil fuel system on the bus along with other systems that mimic the wisdom inherent in creation.

Jewish Meditation, Alison Laichter

Tues: Gazebo / Rain Plan: Little Play House Tuesday PM: Planting the seeds of awareness, cultivating Tikkun Olam from the inside out, with an introduction to Jewish meditation and practice.

Wed: Eddie Cantor Stage / Rain Plan: Moose Room Wednesday AM: The Sh'ma as a radical practice of listening

Wild Edibles and Medicinals & Plant ID, Rakia Chandler (Gazebo)

In this era of the supermarket, few people still take advantage of the great store of edible wild plants available to them. The surrounding woods have an endless supply of wild plants for us to enjoy. We will take a walk in the woods and learn how to identify specific edible delights. We'll then harvest and have a healthy snack!

Creative Writing in and about Nature, Gila Lyons (Arts & Crafts)

Using the written word to connect to the land, to ourselves, and to each other. In this course we will read (Jewish) poetry, fiction, and nonfiction pieces composed in and about nature. We will also engage in our own writing exercises and learn about how to facilitate creative writing in nature for children and adults (at camps, in gardens, on trips, at synagogues). There will be opportunities to share what we've written with each other and for offering feedback on each others' work. Also discussion of how to lead sharing circles with children and adults.

Heeb Hop Part 1 &2, Rakia Chandler(Arts & Crafts)

What is Heeb Hop? Today's young Jews have found a new contemporary way of expressing their Jewish spirituality and connectedness. Heeb Hop explores commonalities between Judaism and Hip Hop culture. Though we love our books, there is more to Judaism than sitting silently and reading.

We will move through a discussion of ancient oral history through to experiential learning about the powerful tradition of the spoken word as it's evolved through Hip Hop. This intro to free styling, break dancing, and writing rhymes will also incorporate tips on how to teach such skills to young people and how to supportively respond to conflicts that typically arise when teaching these skills.

What should I do with this old Prayer book? Rabbi Emily Huebscher, X Listed: Ethics & Text (Arts & Crafts)

In this course we will investigate the conundrum of what one should do with a prayer book that is no longer viable. As stewards of the environment, should we recycle or as those who wish to uphold the values of Judaism should we put these texts in a Genezia? Is Judaism really at odds with Environmentalism? Jewish prohibitions exist against both destroying God's name and wanton destruction, two values that seem to be at odds in this discussion. We will look at Deuteronomy 12:2-3, from which we derive the prohibition against destroying God's name and Deuteronomy 20:19-20, from which we derive the mitzvah of Bal Tashchit. We will look at how both of these prohibitions took shape during the Rabbinic Period and how they have come to be understood today through reading modern responsa. Finally, we will explore how to make a new prayer book using recycled materials. Creating recycled blessing booklets teaches participants to be aware of the natural blessings in their lives, or putting God into "Oh my God" moments. Using recycled materials practices the values of reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Bird ID Walk, Evan Krasner (Gazebo)

This bird walk is open to all levels of bird watchers, whether you're just a backyard birder or you're looking for your five hundredth life lister. We will learn the basics: how to use binoculars properly and basic identifications used in the field. While we are at the peak of migration, there is a good chance we will see Blue-winged Warblers, Scarlet Tanagers, and Indigo Buntings. BYOB (binoculars)

Packing Out a Camping Trip without Tsuris, Sarah Chandler (Little Playhouse)

In this active session, participants will learn tips and tricks for engaging campers (of all ages!) in a fun pack out that incorporates Jewish environmental values, as well as "Leave No Trace" camping, and of course, bringing all the right gear and nothing superfluous. This session is open to all seminar attendees & optional for those attending the overnight.

Tikkun Olam By Nature: Bringing Permaculture to the Jewish World, Ariel Vegosen (Arts & Crafts)

Ever wonder how to change the world? Just look at nature - the answers are right there. Come and explore the many ways to bring Tikkun Olam to your students. This workshop will use the tools of permaculture to layout a plan to inspire your students to participate in and create social justice activities. This course will cover the basic principles of permaculture as well as using Jewish texts to explore social justice. Participants will leave this workshop with a clear way to connect Judaism, justice, and nature.

How to Teach and Use Solar Power: Alexandra Kuperman & Jonathan Dubinsky (Gazebo)

Join Alexandra Kuperman, Teva's Assistant director, and Jonathan Dubinsky in learning about Surprise Lake Camp's solar power system. What did it cost, how much energy does it produce, and how can I get some for my institution? These questions and more will all be covered in this session. We will also be discussing education around solar energy and Judaism as well as building a solar oven that really works!

Ethics and Texts

Three Realms of I-Thou: Animal, Human and Angel, Rabbi David Seidenberg (Beit Midrash)

Buber explores three levels of being which may allow us to express the fullness of the "I-Thou" relationship, and he uses language as the measuring stick for what allows this to happen. He gives us a paradigm for exploring the depth of our relationship not just with animals and people but also with nature. Study would include both his discussion of

animals and his famous passage about encountering a tree as "Thou". Participants will gain a basic introduction to Buber's thought—his understanding of I-Thou v. I-It, etc.—along with a deeper understanding of what it means to be in relation to “the Others”, the animals that share this world with us.

JNF: Land of Israel and Jewish Holidays, Rabbi Eric Lankin (Beit Midrash)

Tu Bishvat -The World's First Earth Day. Originally a tax holiday, Tu Bishvat was transformed by the Mystics of Tsfat and then by the modern environmentalists. What makes the message of Tu Bishvat so timely for our generation?

Rambam and Gaia, Rabbi David Seidenberg (Beit Midrash)

Maimonides is a full-blown nature mystic who believes that humanity is not the center of creation, that the whole of creation is the highest value and that the universe is ultimately one sentient being, and that we know God by knowing this. The class will debunk the standard interpretation of Maimonides as a cold rationalist and emphasize his importance as the *only* Jewish philosopher besides Spinoza to take a non-anthropocentric approach to theology, metaphysics and ethics.

Nature and the Jewish Year, Rabbi Jill Hammer(Beit Midrash)

Rabbi Hammer's most recent book, *The Jewish Book of Days: A Companion for All Seasons*, is a journey through the Jewish year, exploring how each Jewish festival, fast day, and minor holiday intertwines with the cycles of nature and the stories of the Jewish people. In this session, Rabbi Hammer will take us through the Jewish year, stopping at each season to describe how that calendar moment encodes the mysteries of nature and teaches us the lessons of the earth. We'll also learn how to include more nature consciousness in our holiday celebrations.

Treif Tomatoes? The Ethics and Halacha of Genetic Engineering. Noam Dolgin (Beit Midrash)

Would you eat a tomato you knew had pig genes in it, or fly or human? You may be doing just that and don't know it. Genetically engineered foods now dominate our shopping market shelves. In this session we will explore the Jewish ethical and legal questions surrounding the genetic engineering of food (pro and con), and help forward a Jewish response to this timely issue.

Jewish Holidays & Environmental Lessons, Alexandra Kuperman, (Moose Room)

Come and learn about rest, renewal, sustainability and our Jewish connections with the earth as found in our holidays and in the Torah.

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JNF Tu Bishvat: The World's First Earth Day, Rabbi Eric Lankin (J Lodge)

Long before there was a historical event and connection to the Jewish holidays, there was a unique agricultural connection between the holiday and the Land of Israel. How do we reclaim and find meaning in the agricultural connections and how might it influence our observance today?

Liturgy for the Earth, Rabbi David Seidenberg (Beit Midrash)

It's one thing to pray in nature, but what about praying for nature? This session will explore four Jewish prayers that are deeply ecological, as well as give participants a chance to start writing their own prayers for the earth. The prayers focused on are the Pri Eitz Hadar's blessing (from the first Tu Bish'vat seder), the Borei N'fashot prayer, the prayer of Reb Nachman about going out into the field, and the prayer Rabbi Seidenberg composed last year in response to climate change issues. Participants will receive a curriculum that is easily adapted to other teaching settings.

Consumerism and the Jewish Ethic of Restraint, Evonne Marzouk (Moose Room)

We live in an extremely consumer-oriented society. In our society, people are often thought not as human beings, but as "consumers"! The Jewish tradition has a completely different approach to living and human life, which may provide the antidote to our consumer passions and help our students live happier and more sustainable lives. Learn what Jewish tradition has to say about our wants, our needs, our purchases, and what it really means to be human.

Curb Your Consumerism: Cultivating a Bal Tashchit Ethic for Today, Rabbi Kevin Kleinman (Beit Midrash)

Modern Jewish environmental teachings use the term *shomrei adamah* - guardians of the earth, to emphasize our responsibility as the earth's care takers. Guiding these ethics are the prohibitions of *bal tashchit*, biblical and rabbinic laws forbidding unnecessary waste and reckless destruction of resources. This session will trace the development and the expansion of the category of *bal tashchit* throughout Jewish history. It will draw on the insights of Jewish sages and commentators to explore the implications of these laws in guiding the way we consume food, energy, and material resources in today's society.

Who in the What? - Questing for Divinity in our Material Lives, according to the Zohar, Rabbi Jonah Steinberg (Beit Midrash)

Though the symbolic language of the Zohar is often difficult to fathom, this central work of medieval Jewish mysticism offers one of its deepest and most essential teachings in some of its simplest and most accessible terms. What's more, this spiritual teaching speaks with urgency and relevance to the situation of our physical world today. The teaching is framed as a commentary on scriptural verses, so some orientation is necessary - but once we are at home in its landscape, we all can take part in reflecting on the message of this teaching, because we all share in the essential human experience it describes.

Talking to a good friend... in solitude: Wilderness and meditation in the teachings of R. Nahman of Breslov and other luminarie, Rabbi Matt Carl (Beit Midrash)

The Hasidic rebbe, Rabbi Nahman of Breslov, was certainly not the first of our tradition's great teachers to value the wilderness as a place to see the glory of creation, to derive great spiritual solace and to develop a personal relationship with God. But he does have some great teachings relating to wilderness. We will look at them in conversation: with each other, with the texts and with ourselves and God.

Won't you be my neighbor? Hilkhoh Shkhenim (Laws of urban planning and neighborliness) and contemporary environmental issues, Rabbi Matt Carl (Beit Midrash)

Judaism has legislation relating to almost every aspect of life, including the creation and management of communities. We will analyze and evaluate some of these laws, and the arguments for/against them, especially in light of current environmental issues.

Shabbat as a Model For Sustainable Living, Ariel Vegosen (Beit Midrash)

Come and learn specific group building games that will inspire participants to work together, create community, and a base for environmental activism. The group building

games that participants will learn in this workshop range from traditional trust building activities to environmentally based cooperation activities. Workshop attendees will learn a model of communication that can be used with their participants to discuss environmental issues and specific team building exercises from a Jewish lens. Participants attending this workshop will leave with a tool belt of group building activities from basic get-to-know yous and ice breakers to more intense levels of communication and debriefing skills. Participants will leave feeling like confident facilitators.



Organic Agriculture and Educational Gardening

Cultivating a Framework for Jewish Educational Gardening, Nati Passow & Ian Roblee-Hertzmark (Teva Center)

We will open the week with community building exercises and an overview of the week's sessions and materials. Participants will be introduced to educational gardening in an ecologically-minded Jewish context. This session will provide intentions for the coming week's learning and work.

Observing the Landscape: An Introduction to Landscape Ecology, Ian Hertzmark (Teva Center)

To better understand ecological processes and relationships, we will venture into the local forest and observe its residents in action. This session is intended to provide a brief introduction to ecology and to sharpen the participants' eyes when observing landscapes. Participants will be asked to be active students and educators of their environment.

Garden Design I: Creation and Design Process, Nati Passow & Ian Hertzmark (Teva Center)

This session we will open with an exploration of sefer *Bereishit* (Genesis) as a model of creative process. Through this inspired lens, learners will be introduced to design and planning as a foundation for sustainable educational garden projects. We will organize into interconnected garden groups and learn how to develop clear goals for successful garden projects.

Garden Design II: Design Principles and Applications, Nati Passow & Ian Hertzmark (Teva Center)

Building on the foundation of the previous sessions, we will begin to apply ecology and design principles in the Teva Center garden. In this session we will learn how to do a

thorough site assessment and will begin planning and designing garden projects.

Garden groups will then have the opportunity to work in the garden and to integrate concepts into their garden projects.

Field Trip to Eden Village Farm, Nati Passow and Deb Rich (Meet in front of Office)

Join us for a trip to the new farm at Eden Village Camp. Opening this summer, Eden Village is an environmentally-focused Jewish summer camp and the Jewish Farm School is helping design and maintain the farm. We'll meet the farmers, help out with some projects, and learn about small-scale organic agriculture, and the joys and challenges of starting a new farm.

Produce Preservation 101, Ruhi Sophia (Teva Center)

This course would provide a hands-on demo about the basics of canning your own produce to preserve long term. We will cover the elementary safety requirements for canning, and each participant can leave with a small jar of applesauce or tomato sauce (subject to change, but of something!) This course is not an introduction to pickling, but simply food preservation of whatever excess bounty your garden might give you in season, so you can save it up for winter months, and don't have to buy tomato sauce in December!

Stories from the Field: Successes and Challenges, Wendy Rosen (Teva Center)

Reconnecting with the land is increasingly gaining the attention it so deserves. From patio pots and backyard gardens to school gardens and CSA's, we are cultivating a growing awareness of and appreciation for the resources that nourish and sustain us.

In this session we will discuss and delve into the infinite rewards and occasional hurdles of integrating gardening back into our own culture. Learn some simple and exciting gardening activities that can be replicated just about anywhere and get inspired to bring it all back to your own community.

Storytelling in the Garden, Stephanie Rose (Teva Center)

Experience some of the gems of stories and picture books that an eco-educator has used for over 15 years to support her work with children of all ages in the garden. Learn ways to access your own imagination as you become a more captivating storyteller.

Designing Eden, Permaculture Design, Pesach Stadlin (Teva Center)

You have been designing things your whole life: your jobs, your life, your gardens, relationships, your kitchen, etc. Want some tools? In this hands-on session we will experientially learn the basic step-by-step universally applicable design principles of

permaculture AND tie into how our Jewish tradition informs and interacts with this model.

Food Systems: Discussion and Activities, Jewish Farm School (Teva Center)

This activity-based session will explore "food systems" and provide learners the opportunity to critically think about the way food is grown, distributed, and consumed in contemporary times. We will also consider food security and how Jewish tradition deals with food systems.

Open Garden Time and Garden Projects Review, Jewish Farm School (Teva Center)

Come and help prepare the Teva Center garden at Surprise Lake Camp for another successful summer. We'll be working in groups to improve existing beds and to add new garden elements. Jewish Farm School educators will be available to answer questions and to help assess and critically discuss garden projects.

INCLUDEPICTURE "http://mail.google.com/a/tevacenter.org/?name=d33be9805ff33117.jpg&attid=0.1&disp=vahi&view=att&th=128f3b1272286f88" *MERGEFORMATINET ***Soil Session: Ecology and Composting Basics, Ian Hertzmark (Teva Center)***

This garden session will introduce learners to basic soil ecology and soil processes. Building on this understanding, we will explore the fundamentals of successful composting and will consider various elements of soil health in the garden. Be ready to get your hands dirty.

Jewish Agricultural Laws, Simcha Schwartz (Teva Center)

Jewish tradition has an extensive framework for relating to agriculture and sustenance. In the spirit of social justice, we will explore several areas of Jewish agricultural law and will learn how Jewish tradition relates to the cultivation, distribution, and consumption of food.

Jewish Gardening Activities, Aliza Sandberg, and Jonah Adels (Teva Center)

Garden education is fun. Come and learn how to teach groups in educational garden settings through several modeled garden activities. We will discuss topics and techniques for effective and fun garden education.

Grow, Cook, Share, Stephanie Rose (G Lodge)

Learn to make tried-and-true recipes that children can make with you to celebrate a community garden's bounty for Shavuot, Sukkot, and Thanksgiving. Recipes will be

presented in the context of full lessons to share with young children. The lessons will share the multi-step process of nurturing seeds, harvesting, cooking, and then sharing the bounty with people in need.

Harvest and Gleanings: Bringing it Home, Nati Passow & Ian Hertzmark (Teva Center)

This closing circle will explore the previous days' learning and activities. We will share lessons and experiences from the week, and will integrate our experiences into a framework of continued educational gardening success.



Open to all seminar participants

KEY NOTE SPEAKER: A Commodity So in Demand, It May Even Buy Peace IDF Colonel (Res.) Sharon Davidovitch (Gym)

Learn about Israeli innovation at its best and discover how Israel and JNF are working to combat Israel's water crisis- featuring IDF Colonel (Res.) Sharon Davidovitch, National Director of the Parsons Water Fund, a 10-year \$100 million plan to alleviate the water crisis in the Middle East.

Night Hikes, Teva Educators (Meet at Flag Pole)

Leave your flashlights behind and immerse yourself in nighttime games, stories, and song as we explore how to teach a family or multi-age night stroll program. Themes include local nocturnal ecology, awareness skills, night time in Judaism, t'filah (prayer), and connection to family, community and dreams.

Campfire: Short effective programming ideas & marshmallows : Ruhi Sophia Rubenstein (Fire Pit)

Bring your appetite for stories, games and marshmallows. Join as at the firepit when the night hikes return.

Chana Rothman Concert (Eddie Cantor Theatre)

Canadian-raised, Brooklyn-and-Philadelphia-based Rothman approaches music as a dialogue. "It's two-way," she explains, "We each have a role to play in creating the dynamic." Rothman's music, using two languages and ancient texts to address social ills and joys of today, brings a universal appeal. "Rothman's music bubbles with a conscious vibe that's capable of bringing people together," writes Richard Antone of

Elmore Magazine, “She is adept at using religious imagery and bilingual lyrics as a bridge rather than a wedge.”

Campfire Storytelling and Group Jam, Noam Dolgin (Fire Pit)

Hear stories about the beginnings of the Universe, Chelm, and the moon, fire and more. Learn tricks to turn your campfire into a surprisingly engaging educational opportunity. After storytelling please stay and jam out with us.

Ma'amad Hahar: Outpost 1 Overnight Camp Out - returns by 10:00am, Sarah Chandler & Pesach Stadlin (Meet at Flag Pole)

After a night stroll up the mountain, we'll gather at a local outpost to sleep under the stars. We will learn tips for group reflection as part of a multi-day camping trip and build a fire. In the morning we'll have a brief morning service and make breakfast before heading back down. This program will feature a holistic approach to integrating Jewish texts, stories, songs and prayers into a camping trip. Open to participants of all backgrounds.

Yoga, Alexandra Kuperman (Gym)

Come stretch, bend, and breathe, and prepare your body for a full day of learning.

Yoga, Raj Seymour (Gym)

This practice will have a vinyasa flow which will incorporate a theme Jewish values and ideas.

Program Fair (Moose Room) & Teva Topsy Turvey Tour Bus (In Front of Gym)

Take a tour of Teva's now famous, one-of-a-kind, educational school bus. The bus is now home from a cross-country tour which brought hands-on Jewish Environmental education and Jewish climate action to synagogues and schools from Maryland to Texas, L.A. to Kansas. And think outside the bus with a myriad of amazing Jewish organizations & initiatives aimed at healing our planet. The program fair is a bustling opportunity to engage with new ideas, collect resources and connect with Jewish Environmental Education year-round.

Tiyul Breishit on the Tannenbaum trail (meet at flagpole)

Enjoy 20 minutes by yourself or with a friend for peaceful contemplation on this tiyul (journey) through breishit (creation). Follow the guiding signs and prompts along this wonder-filled walk and take the concept home to your community for a taste of tefila (prayer) on Shabbat or year-round. Shema Yisrael - what do you hear?

ADVA Meetup (Moose Room)

Are you a Teva or Adamah alumni? Come meet up and reconnect!

Kol Isha with Rabbi David Seidenberg (Moose Room)

To be announced at Tues lunch

Jews on a Bus: Turning Climate Change Upside Down? Introduced by director Rachel Playe

Feature Film: FRESH Directed by Ana Joanes, presented by Nati Passow (Gym)

FRESH celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are re-inventing our food system. Each has witnessed the rapid transformation of our agriculture into an industrial model, and confronted the consequences: food contamination, environmental pollution, depletion of natural resources, and morbid obesity. Forging healthier, sustainable alternatives, they offer a practical vision for a future of our food and our planet.

Among several main characters, FRESH features urban farmer and activist, Will Allen, the recipient of MacArthur's 2008 Genius Award; sustainable farmer and entrepreneur, Joel Salatin, made famous by Michael Pollan's book, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*; and supermarket owner, David Ball, challenging our Wal-Mart dominated economy.