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Temple Beth Abraham's Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a 6:30 minyan preceding the meeting.

Read the linked [Annual Meeting Letter](#),
inviting you to the meeting.

Read about the meeting agenda and the
proposed slate of officers for 2018-2019.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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Today I Am Inspired

Usually, I write these columns about you. About you and the community, about you and Judaism, about you and me.



Rabbi Spira-Savett

In the annual meeting packet, I will send you my report and my take on this year together – you and me, you and us as a congregation. But for this month's column, I'm going to write about just me.

I am feeling inspired.

That may sound like a strange feeling to have at this time in our world. It's not the only feeling I have -- but it is the winning one inside me right now. If it weren't, I couldn't be your rabbi (or anyone's).

I am inspired. I am inspired by the opportunity I have every day to bring goodness and holiness into every corner of my world, because of the work you enable me to do.

I am inspired by the people in our Jewish community who volunteer their time, for each other and for our organization. People who take care of people with needs at all times of life – even the body of someone who has died. Who get together until late in the evening to discuss what it means to be a Jewish community, or how to set priorities around Jewish education. Who ask you to contribute money so we can do important things, and figure out how we will stretch each dollar and not waste any of it.

I am inspired by the explosion of passion in our world around justice. Justice work by people from or alongside or on behalf of groups who have been misunderstood or targeted. By people who care about Israelis, and Palestinians. By local people working on new ways to eliminate child hunger and poverty generally in our region.

I am inspired by the people I teach and learn with. The adults who reflect on the concrete right-and-wrong of daily life, and the big questions about human nature, human purpose, and the Divine. Who savor the words of our Torah and other texts, internalize them and use them and play with them. And the kids, who are willing to show each

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They Went The Way of The Dinosaurs

Of course, everyone knows the story of the dinosaurs. They were huge, they ruled the earth for millions of years. Came a catastrophic environmental change, they didn't adapt, they died. We know the story, but it is wrong. Not what happened. True enough, there was a cataclysm. True enough, some of the iconic, more set-in-their-ways members of the tribe are no more. They went the way of the dinosaurs. But the real story is that many who were less rigid, less fixed in their ecological niche, adapted and thrived and are all around us today. A renegade fac-



President
Michael Harris

tion advocated taking to the air. The Brontosaurus was firmly opposed, said these changes are only temporary. No need for such a radical solution. But the changes were not temporary. Those who took to the air thrived and diversified. Birds, we call them. The others, well, they went the way of the dinosaurs.

We, today, are also in the midst of a rapidly changing environment. In America, today, walls of social enclosure are breaking down. The walls that held us together in times of peril and need, that held us together as a people, are disappearing before our eyes. Few coming of age in our day see those once strong walls or even know that once they were there. Our open society, at once liberating and

a source of pride, is a peril to our continuity. This is our environment. Many of our fellow communities are struggling. Many are closing and consolidating. Some are adapting. Some are soaring. Some are shoring up the walls, fending off the peril of our open society by walling it out. What should we do?

This is our environment. We claim to be open, inclusive and welcoming. But are we really? How open, how inclusive and how welcoming should we be? Should we adapt to the new reality? What would that mean? Should we try to resist and shore up the walls of separation? These questions are before us as a congregation. What approach should we take?

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other their depths and their souls in a way they usually are afraid to in other places in their lives.

I am inspired by the sweetness among people who gather in the synagogue to pray and sing together, to talk and support each other, on Shabbat and on weeknights.

I am inspired by great teachers of Torah who provide so much free learning on the Web. They have gotten me excited again about Talmud; they have shown me new windows into the Torah; they bring Torah and the issues of the day together in sophisticated and clarifying ways. I steal from them to teach you, all the time.

I am inspired by some of the leaders in our area, religious leaders as well as civic and political leaders. By their thoughtfulness, by their faithfulness, by their intellect, by their clarity.

I am inspired by people who are going through difficult things in their lives, and who fiercely continue

to love and fight for people in their lives, and for themselves.

I am inspired by people who are willing to cross boundaries and have difficult conversations about our world. Across political disagreements and cultural chasms.

I am inspired by the capacities I am so fortunate to have and to be developing. I am lucky to have a wide-ranging mind – for Torah, for educational theory and practice, for organizational behavior. I know how to speak and to write. I know about ethics, and also about economics and sociology. So I know, potentially, how to help people put all the ingredients together -- ideals, compassionate services, the power of business, in the face of the real barriers in the nature of individuals and societies that I understand.

I am inspired by Laurie, by Alex, by Lela, by Sarinah.

I am inspired.

I'm also some other things. I am impatient, mostly with myself. I quote

you from time to time the Naomi Shemer song that I sing myself – *Od lo ahavti dai, od lo amarti dai, v'im lo achshav aymatai* – “I have not loved enough, I have not said enough, and if not now, when?”

I see goals that are my own and goals that belong to our synagogue leadership that I have not met yet. I am always asking myself why I am not stretching farther what I'm capable of doing. I am frustrated when people do not work together well or effectively. I have my moments, of self-doubt and of doubt about whether the truths I am committed to can become real. I am heartbroken about people who suffer, in ways that I don't, because of the ways the world is broken.

But in the end, I am inspired. It's not the only feeling I have – but it's the one that wins out. Otherwise, I could never be your rabbi, or anyone's at all.

*L'shalom,
Rabbi Jon*

In a society where the walls of separation between ethnic and religious groups are breaking down, our young people are increasingly marrying across what in earlier generations may have been considered hard boundaries. When a young person, perhaps our child, comes and says that they plan to marry a person who is not Jewish, what do we say? What should we say? When they have children, should we accept them? When they die, may they live for 120 years, do we bury them together? This is our reality. Should we adapt? What approach should we take? These are all questions with which we are struggling.

When we were living in Europe, this was not such a big issue. The communities were strong. There was excommunication. An illicit affair might bring down the wrath of church or the local people against a whole town. It was perilous to cross the boundary. In ancient times, however, there were long periods that were more similar to what we face today, and the same issues were debated at that time. I quote here from an article by Zvi Zohar, in which he quotes from Josephus Flavius:

An extremely widespread movement of conversion developed towards the end of the Second Temple period. At

the time there were about a million Jews in Egypt, about a million and a half in Syria and Asia Minor, about a million in Europe and North Africa, and about a million in Babylonia. These numbers did not stem from emigration, as at the time there were not so many Jews in the land of Israel itself. According to historical experts, these numbers reflect a broad movement of conversion. It was during this period that the heads of the House of Adiabene, the King Munbaz and the Queen Helena, converted -- as described in the Talmud -- and doubtless masses of others converted along with them.

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June Service Schedule

Services are held every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday –Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Oneg, Kiddush & Flower Sponsors

May 18

Ida & Les Mildenberg & Mandy
& Rob Berkowitz sponsored the
flowers in memory of their grand-
parents Hyman & Bessie

May 26

Gina & Bob Vega in Honor of
their 50th Anniversary

June 16

Sheryl Rich-Kern in honor of the
forthcoming marriage of
Daniel & Shiran

Community News Best Wishes to:

- Leon Goldstein on the engagement of son, Hal, to Melissa Carruth

Deepest Sympathy to:

- David Friedenberg on the loss of his beloved father, Bernard Friedenberg
- Paul Moverman on the loss of his beloved father, Gerald Moverman
- David Freedman on the loss of his beloved sister, Kadimah Michelson

Welcome New Members:

- Jeffrey Barnes (Chester, NH)
- Jeffrey & Rachel Zampieron (Windham)

*All those people in our community
who are ill we wish you a complete
& speedy recovery*

Holy Objects Buried

On May 1, our afternoon Religious School students joined a group of adults at the Beth Abraham Cemetery to bury sacred books and other sacred items with God's Hebrew names in them. It turned out to be a remarkable experience — holding books and papers, trying to put them into a deep hole carefully. Everyone had the chance to cover them with dirt.

The students read reflections about how books and stories change our lives, and about all the teachers and learners who used these books, some of them across the world. We said together the special Kaddish D'Rabbanan, the Kaddish for teachers and students.

Many of the kids found it fascinating to explore the cemetery. It was with a curious spirit because we were not there in sadness for a burial. They searched for the oldest grave markers, wondered about the special words and graphics on the stones, compared older and newer monuments. Thank you to Noreen Leibson for the idea of bringing our students; Alan Green, chair of the Beth Abraham Cemetery, for making all the logistical arrangements; and parents who drove us there and back.



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Josephus Flavius, the leading historian of those days, wrote:

“Even among the masses for a long time there has been emulation of our piety. And there is not one city of the Greeks, nor a single barbarian nation, where the custom of the seventh day, on which we rest, has not permeated, and where our fasts, and the lighting of lamps, and many of our prohibitions with regard to food have not been observed. They try to emulate also our concord among ourselves, and our endurance under torture on behalf of the laws. For what is most remarkable is, that the law by itself has had such a powerful influence, without the seductive allure of pleasure. And just as God permeates the whole universe, so the law has travelled through all humanity. Anyone who surveys his homeland and his own household will not doubt my claims.”

Are you interested in teaching in the Religious School?

There are a couple of open positions ready for you to step into.

This could be your moment. Be a part of the team that serves our children and their families.

To learn more, contact Noreen Leibson, Director of Education and Family Engagement at director@tbanashua.org or call 603.883.9844

There were particularly strong debates about what would constitute a conversion and whether Jews could be buried with others. In studying these issues, we find that rules, that we today consider hard and fast, were not always viewed that way. We find texts from learned scholars and great rabbis of the past that advocate for other approaches. Again, I quote from Zvi Zohar:

“The “Very Competitive Religious Marketplace” of the 21st century United States is significantly analogous to the religious marketplace of late antiquity: tens of millions of people are dissatisfied with the faith into which they were born, seeking alternatives – and changing adherences.” The 2013 Pew report reveals, that born Jews are also part of this landscape, with 25 percent of them having left. But all faith groups are in a similar situation; since Jews are less than 2 percent of the population, that means that for every Jew who opts out, there are fifty non-Jews seeking fulfillment outside of the group into which they were born.

As we try to understand our changing environment, we study the past and we look for lessons that can guide us in determining how best to adapt to the present and prepare us for the future. Families are changing. Demands of work and family time are significant. Children are more than ever in highly scheduled, structured activities. Cultural and religious identity are less significant in our time than they were but never the less they remain important. People are looking for connection.

Our role, should we choose to accept it, is to be there for all the members of our community. To do this we need to be willing to listen and change, to adapt to a changing environment. Please join us on this journey. Only as a community can we succeed. We solicit your thoughts on these matters.

שלום וברכה

Shalom U'vracha

Michael Harris

USY News

Nashua USY Co-president Ari Friedman was awarded second place for her Chapter Banner. Each local chapter is asked to make a banner for the annual regional USY event. This is quite an honor for Ari, for our Nashua USY and for our community. Way to go Ari!



Month to Month, Year to Year...

When you read this it will be the end of May or perhaps the very beginning of June. Our school classrooms will be quiet, and the sound of kids laughing, questioning, and whispering will have faded into the walls, silenced for the few months of summer. But it wasn't that long ago when the walls sang with joy as the students gathered in their classrooms with their classmates to learn something new, to ask a bold and inspiring question, to bend their head toward their friend.



Director of Education
and Family Engagement
Noreen Leibson

What a wonderful year this has been for our students, teachers and parents. The month of September began with a Family Welcome to our Sunday school families. We were quite excited to welcome eight four-year-olds to a new class, Gan Katan. These little ones brought a spirit of joy into our school as they joined in the Sunday school morning service, ready to take their place among their peers. Perhaps the part of this learning service that our students enjoyed the most was making a tent with a multi-colored parachute while singing *Ma Tov!* Our Sunday school families along with our Yedidim families began the New Year with a Sunday at Lavoie Farm, picking apples and making blessings. All of our families were invited to a welcome back Havdalah just before Rosh Hashanah.

We welcomed back Matt Bar of Bible Raps to work with our students in creating Bible raps based on Jewish values. Matt gave a roof-raising concert in early November sharing

the stage with our students. He also participated in the Adult Thursday Torah Class. Right after this event, Jewish children's author Dori Weinstein came to the school to share her work with us. Our students' creative souls were encouraged to blossom through these special programs.

As I look back over the year, I see a calendar filled with learning activities and special events including class services, Havdalah programs at the synagogue and at the homes of our families, and a Family Challah Cover Creation just to name a few. We piloted a new curriculum in Hai and Vav called Shalom Learning, a program based on different Jewish values. In our Sunday school program, the older kids learned about Israel through a STEAM curriculum. Speaking of Israel, we enjoyed multiple visits from Noam, our shlichah. She shared numerous special features of Israel the country and Israel the culture, through a 4-part geographical journey through the country. She even succeeded in getting all of our students up to dance!

I am very excited to share that our Teen Philanthropy Program for students in grades 8 and up was a huge success. Facilitated by Dan Kassner, our teens put up their own money and raised even more money to support 68 *Hours of Hunger*, a group that sends food home with kids who are experiencing food scarcity in their homes. The Teen program will pick up again in the fall, moving forward to expand their reach in helping others. The door is open to any teen that would like to become a philanthropist.

The above is just a taste of what was happening in and with the school this past year. If you want to know more, please be in touch with me. It's won-

derful to get such positive feedback on our program, including our teachers. I would like to recognize our faculty. As written in Psalms, "*I become wiser from every teacher*", a verse that rings true for our teachers. Michelle Rothberg, Daniella Yitzhak, Betsy Siegel, Jessie Mocle, Rina Scharf, Julieann Hazard, Alex Bonneau, Darlene Drutman and Dan Kassner. Thank you for your tireless work and devotion to your students. I also want to recognize and thank our *madrachim*. They are: Ethan Ebersman, Anne Sherman, Ari Friedman, Jonah Sacks, Jonah Savage, Sarah Becker and Benjamin Vig. These teens are a powerful link between our students and teachers. They support the teachers in their work and help the students in many ways. I want to share a special thank you to both Stan Juda and Larry Rubin who came to the school on a regular basis as Hebrew and Prayer resource teachers. Both men are well versed in prayer and Hebrew.

Finally, each family in our synagogue with children ages newborn to 18 years, will receive a personal invitation to join in a "Parlor" meeting facilitated by me or Rabbi Jon at a private host home. The purpose of these meetings is to hear your voices, to learn what is important to you in terms of Jewish community and Jewish learning. I hope you will prioritize attending a Parlor session. This one's for you!

As it is written in the Talmud, "The world exists because of the innocent breath of our school children." Keep breathing!

L'shalom

Noreen

Beth Abraham Philanthropists

We are the Beth Abraham Philanthropists (BAP), a group of teen philanthropists dedicated to putting our time and giving our money to organizations that fight against food insecurity and child hunger, all while supporting education and New Hampshire's people in need.

For the past five months, we have met to discover the importance of philanthropy, determine a cause important to us, and explore how to best help those in need. Our cause, food insecurity, affects our community in Nashua deeply, and we seek to combat it by supporting End 68

Hours Of Hunger. This organization assembles food packages for students who don't have enough food at home, sparing them of the 68 hours of hunger that the weekend can bring. By donating to us, we can ensure your donation is used as efficiently as possible to support End 68 Hours Of Hunger and help combat food insecurity in local schools.

If you are able to donate, please visit our page at <https://www.tban-ashua.org/payment.php>. We will be collecting donations until the end of June. Please choose the Rabbi Discretionary Fund as the type of donation to donate to our group.

Alternatively, you can leave a check or cash donation in an envelope labeled with our name, "Beth Abraham Philanthropists," in the TBA main office. Please make your check payable to Temple Beth Abraham.

Thank you for all your support,

The Beth Abraham Philanthropists

Ilana Chasin	Matt Dagan
Avi Goldman	Ethan Ebersman
Shira Grossman	Ari Friedman
Jake Sacks	Ari Garnick
Jonah Sacks	Kaden Garnick
Jonah Savage	Noah Goldman
Noah Weiss	
Daniel Kassner (Team Advisor)	

Camp Ramah in New England Prospective Family Day

Join us this summer at Camp Ramah in New England for our Prospective Family Day from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 15 OR Sunday, August 5.

Come see for yourself where all of the Ramah magic happens! Check out our beautiful lake, refurbished tennis courts and sports fields, newly designed arts and crafts and woodworking studios, our thrilling ropes and adventure course and so much more. Tour our spacious bunks and see where our campers eat, pray and play! Learn about the unique Jewish education program

which enables our campers to learn Hebrew and study their Jewish heritage in an informal setting. Meet the Director, Assistant Director and other key staff who will be there to answer questions and tell you about the extraordinary opportunities that await your child at Camp Ramah. Camp Ramah offers two-week sessions for children currently in grades 2-3 and four or eight-week sessions for children in grades 3-10. To learn more or to RSVP, contact Lori Fish Bard at lorib@campramahne.org.

High Holiday Survey

Many thanks to all those who responded to the survey. We had approximately 115 responses, with some folks asking to be called to have a conversation with a Ritual Committee Member. We were pleased with the response rate, and are grateful that members took the time to respond. Here are some of the general trends that we saw:

1. People felt welcomed to the service;
2. If there are going to be changes in the service, melodies, leaders, people would like to know that in advance. People like the melodies and want to be able to sing or hum along;
3. People would like us to consolidate or eliminate entirely the handouts that are used;
4. There was a general appreciation of the Zimria choir but there should be better integration into parts of the service;
5. People had a lot of comments about an alternative service, and there was a great deal of difference in the definition of such a service. It appears that there is a desire for an alternative service that may include family learning, a learning experience for all attendees, a shorter service, and difference readings.

In an attempt to address requests for an alternative program for the high holidays, a committee, chaired by David Sacks, has been meeting to work on an program for the high holidays. David and his committee will be letting the community know about the plan very soon. Stay tuned!

*Helen Honorow, Chair,
Ritual Committee*



Please join us for a

**Champagne Fundraising Brunch
for sponsorship of the
Community Stained Glass Window
and
Dedication of the Quilts
in Memory of
Fred Malkin ל"ר and Alan Karlsberg ל"ר**

Sunday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Watch for your invitation in the mail.

Hope you can join us.



Our Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Zach Finkelstein, son of Amy & Mark, is graduating from Nashua High School South. Will be attending McGill University - Montreal.

Benjamin Marshall, son of Toby & Jason Marshall and grandson of Rena and Ernie Perelmutter, is graduating from Billerica Memorial High School and will be attending Curry College.

Adina Marshall, daughter of Toby & Jason Marshall and granddaughter of Rena and Ernie Perelmutter, is graduating from Billerica Memorial High School and will be attending Endicott College.

Abby Watterson, daughter of Beth and Terry, is graduating from Alvirne High School in Hudson, NH. Attending University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Emilie Brown, daughter of Kenneth Brown, graduating from Pinkerton High School. Will be attending Fall 2018 at UNH, then will be attending Spring 2018 onwards at Tulane University.

Michael Friedman, son of Mara and Gary, will be graduating from Hollis Brookline High School and attending Tufts University.

Max Porter, son of Lisa and Todd, is graduating from Hollis Brookline High School and will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in the Fall.

Joshua Weiss, son of Sharon and Jeff, will be graduating from Nashua North and will be attending Grossman School of Business at University of Vermont in Burlington.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Aaron Spenser Bonneau, son of Lisa and Rick will be receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from UMass Amherst. Aaron will be graduating with a major in Economics and a minor in Computer Science.

Samantha Hilston, daughter of Stacey and Ed, receiving Bachelors degree in Biochemistry from Ithaca College.

Melanie Gordon, daughter of Gwen Boise, will be graduating Rivier University with a double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology.

Joshua Eichel, son of Leigh Eichel and Judy Delude graduated from Northeastern University's Mechanical Engineering Program.

Amanda Delude, daughter of Judy Delude and Leigh Eichel, graduated from Emerson College Marketing Communications Program.

Matthew Claire, son of Lisa and Michael, from Florida State University with a BS in Finance, and Sports Management.

Alex Claire, son of Lisa & Michael, from University of New Hampshire with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

Allison Yelgin, UMass Amherst, Honors College, Bachelor of Arts in English, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Fullbright Scholar.

Rebecca Moverman, daughter of Paul, will be graduating from Simmons College in Boston with a Masters in Social Work.



Student Awards and Recognitions

Porter Award

Each year, our teachers are asked to do the impossible, choose one student to receive the coveted Porter Award. The Porter Award is given to one student in grades Gimel through Zayin (3-7) as a way to recognize something notable about that child. The award is not necessarily given to the "best" student in the class. Actually, this would be quite impossible to do as we have so many "best" students. Rather this award is given to a student who perhaps is the peacemaker or maybe someone who has shown the most growth in learning.

This year's Porter Award recipients are:

Andrew Thibeault, Sophie Levin, Rebecca Kaiser, Eli Goodman, Ben Rothenberg and David Stafford

May these students be crowned in strength and may their life paths be filled with learning and community.

Chai Award

Chai means life, and it is also the letters, Chet and Yud, for the number 18. Students who attend 18 or more services throughout the year, are eligible to receive this award. Weekends often fill up fast with

all sorts of activities. It takes a concerted effort to come to a Shabbat or holiday service 18 times. In this case 18 is not a random number, it reflects on our spiritual lives as well.

Rebecca Kaiser, Jodi Watterson, Sarinah Spira-Savett, Madeline Lee, Nathan Lee, Charlotte Lee, Abner Lee, Phinehas Lee

Keter Ivrit

Keter means crown and Keter Ivrit is the Crown of Hebrew. Students who receive the Keter Ivrit award have completed an independent study on

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Coming Events and Programming Brought to You by the Lifelong Learning Committee

BABKA Book Club, Wednesday, June 6, 8:00 p.m.

An Officer and a Spy by Robert Harris

Ongoing:

Torah Study with Rabbi Jon and Noreen

Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to Noon through June 14. Come once or many times.

Rabbijon.net and @TBARav

Teachings on the weekly Torah reading and current events through a Jewish lens, podcasts, and music.

Many of Rabbi Jon's high holy day and Shabbat sermons are posted.

Save the Date!

BABKA Book Club, August 1

"Dinner at the Center of the Earth" by Nathan Englander

Alexandra Silber, August 12

Have Ideas? Want to Help? Join Our Committee!

Contact Jeff Masors at lifelonglearning@tbanashua.org or Rabbi Jon at rabbi@tbanashua.org. Contribute to the Elizabeth Fischer Memorial Fund to support TBA's ongoing scholarly and cultural special programming. Consider sponsoring a specific speaker/event or the food for an event. Contact the office or Rabbi Jon.

Student Awards and Recognitions continued ...

Hebrew prayer reading. Students in Dalet through Vav (4-6) are given a packet of prayers, one for each month. Those who complete the course are recognized by the Keter Ivrit award.

Jodi Watterson, Rebekah Savage, Hannah Rothenberg and Sarinah Spira-Savett

To Our Graduating Madrichim

This year we honor and share our appreciation to Michael Friedman and Abby Watterson, two seniors who worked at the school as part of the madrichim program. They gave a lot of themselves in support of the

school. Their dedication to our students is noteworthy. We wish them the best as they head off to college.

We Would Like to Thank Our Teachers and Madrikhim

We appreciate the work and dedication that our faculty and Madrikhim have given to the school this past year. We honor:

Teachers, Staff and Volunteers:

Michelle Rothberg, Daniella Yitzchak, Betsy Siegel, Rina Scharf, Julieann Hazard, Alex Bonneau, Darlene Drutman, Jessie Mocle, Stan Juda, Larry Rubin, Jessica Stern, Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett

Madrikhim:

Ethan Ebersman, Anne Sherman, Ari Friedman, Jonah Sacks. Jonah Savage, Sarah Becker, Benjamin Vig



הקשר היהודי שלך

Your Jewish Connection

Brought to you by the Lifelong Learning Committee – *Written by Linda S Trapasso*

Judaism and the Environment

What does Judaism say about the environment? How do our sacred texts talk to us about protecting and sustaining the world around us? What are the Jewish teachings around animals and how we should treat them?

According to Judaism, "... it is the job of humanity to be the stewards of the world and to act on behalf of its rightful Owner..." ([MyJewishLearning](#)). We are called to care for natural resources ([Living an Environmentally Conscious Jewish Life](#)) and to be concerned for the integrity of species ([Ethical Treatment of Animals in Judaism](#)).



Today we all should realize the need to manage our planet's resources more carefully. Besides acting as individuals and as citizens, we also have the resources of Judaism and the Jewish people to draw upon. The Jewish environmental ethic grew out of Genesis and the creation stories. Our agricultural roots, and their celebrations, connect us to the land. We have much natural imagery in our texts to give us a framework for an appreciation and awareness of the wonders of creation – our blessings help us do that every day.



"Because our sacred texts teach that humankind has an obligation to improve the world for future generations, Jewish tradition encourages families and communities to reduce their waste and make smart consumer choices, investing in companies that do not

pollute, and supporting behaviors and policies that encourage conservation."

"As heirs to a tradition of stewardship that goes back to Genesis and teaches us to be partners in the ongoing work of creation, we cannot accept the escalating destruction of our environment and its effect on human health and livelihood. It is our sacred duty to alleviate environmental degradation and the human suffering it causes instead of despoiling our air, land, and water." ([Jewish Views on the Environment](#))

There are many teachings and traditions in Judaism about the environ-

ment and the treatment of the world and its inhabitants.

This article is a path to learning more. Google the topic and dig deeper. One list of resources is at [Aytzim, Ecological Judaism](#).

And be sure to look at [Ten Jewish Teachings on Judaism and the Environment](#) by Rabbi Lawrence Troster. Those will get you thinking!

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June 22 & 23

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 of Atara Kirsh
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