

# הקשר היהודי שלך

## Your Jewish Connection

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### 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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# JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK



TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH  
7:10PM

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**JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT WILL INCLUDE:**

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