

The Teva Seminar on Jewish Environmental Education

Surprise Lake Camp, Cold Spring, New York, June 4 – June 7, 2007

Monday, June 4th

TIME

PROGRAM

8:30 - 10:00

Registration

10:15 - 11:00

Welcome, Ice Breakers, and Overview of Program - *Nili Simhai and Moshe Kornfeld*

11:15 - 12:15

A Grand Unification Theory of Jewish Environmental Education - *Fred Scherlinder Dobb*

12:15 - 1:15

Lunch

1:30 - 5:30

Camp and Wilderness

Awareness Hike: Taking a Closer Look at the Forest - *Sarah Chandler, Casey Yurrow*

1:30 – 2:30

Congregational

Introduction to Congregational Greening and Goal Setting - *Noam Dolgin*

Ethics

Ecological Eschatology: Redemption, Liberation, and the Universe in Jewish Thought (in one hour)
Rabbi Fred Scherlinder Dobb

JFS

Introduction: Farming as a Religious Activity - *Jewish Farm School Staff*

2:45 – 4:00

Congregational

We Can't Afford to Throw Out the Styrofoam!? Making Good Environmental Decisions in Your Synagogue - *Rabbi Fred Scherlinder Dobb*

Ethics

Awareness Hike and Goal Setting - *Moshe Kornfeld*

JFS

The *Tachlis* (basics) of Educational Gardening - *Jewish Farm School Staff*

4:15 - 5:30

Ethics/Congregational

Shabbat: Halacha, Aggadah, and Ecology - *Fred Scherlinder Dobb*

JFS

Growing an Ecosystem: A Holistic Approach to Gardening - *Ian Roblee-Hertzmark*

5:30 - 6:30

Break: Mincha, Unpack, and Office Hours

6:30 - 7:30

Dinner and Singing

7:30 - 8:45

Transforming Energy: What is Our Future After Oil? A Film by Chuck Davis

8:45 - 10:15

Congregational/Ethics/Camp

Night Hike: Teaching Ecological Awareness in the Dark - *Teva Learning Center Staff*

JFS

Shabbat, Shemittah and Yovel: Judaism and Sustainability Text Study - *Nati Passow*

10:15 - 11:00

Camp Fire with Teva Camp Fire Curriculum - *Noam Dolgin, Coordinator*

Camp Out Option at First Outpost - *Sarah Chandler*

Tuesday, June 5th

7:30

Chanting and Meditation Service - *Sharon Pearl*

Yoga - *Karin Fleisch*

8:15

Breakfast

9:00 - 10:30*Camp and Wilderness*Group Building: Bridging Differences Through Games -*Sarah Chandler and Ariel Vegosin**Congregational*Making Family Education Work for Your Congregation -*Jessica Weinberg**Ethics/Congregational*Tfillah B'Teva: Nature Inspired Prayer—Shacharit - *Nili Simhai**JFS*Seder V'Gan: Getting Your Garden Started - *Jewish Farm School Staff***10:45 - 12:15***Camp and Wilderness*Wild Edibles and Nature Journals -*Lily Chandler**Congregational*How Green is Your Shul? The Green Synagogue Movement -*Barbara Lerman-Golomb**Ethics/Camp*Judaism and the Environment 101: The Basic Concepts You Need to Know! - *Nili Simhai**Ethics*Jewish Perspectives on Sustainable Development in Israel - *Leiba Chaya David**JFS*Food Justice: Moving Beyond Your Local Garden - *Nati Passow***12:15 - 1:00**

Lunch

1:00 - 2:30*Camp and Wilderness*Eytz Chaim: Learning How to Identify Trees - *Sarah Chandler**Camp and Wilderness*Fire Building and Tea Making with Wild Edibles - *Casey Yarrow**Congregational*Eco-Zionism: A New Way to Explore Our Relationship with Israel -*Noam Dolgin**Ethics*The Ninth Chapter of Mishna Brachot - *Rabbi Ebn Leader**JFS*Garden Activities: Engaging Jewish Youth in the Garden -*Jewish Farm School Staff***2:45 - 4:00***Camp/Congregational*Thespian Tree Huggers, a.k.a. Text Based Eco – Drama - *Nili Simhai**Congregational*The State of The Environment in Israel and The SPNI Sustainable Jerusalem Coalition - *Noam Dolgin and Leiba Chaya David**Ethics**Kedushat Haaretz*: Can the Sanctity of the Holy Land Apply Outside of The Land of Israel? - *Rabbi Ebn Leader**JFS*Using the Garden as an Educational Space and Agricultural Writing -*Robert Friedman***4:15**

Break, Mincha, and Office Hours

5:00 - 6:15*Camp and Wilderness*Creek Study: What Can Critters Tell Us About Water Quality? -*Nili Simhai**Congregational*Exciting Environmental Activities and Games for Shabbat - *Sarah Chandler**Ethics*Is This Waste? A Close Reading of the Laws of *Bal Tashchit* - *Moshe Kornfeld**JFS*The Dirt on Compost - *Ian Roblee-Hertzmark***6:15 - 7:15**Dinner CSA discussion
*Jewish Farm School Staff***7:15 - 7:45**

Track Check In

8:00 - 9:30*Teshuvah*: Repentance as an Environmental Concept Beit Midrash Program - *Rabbi Ebn Leader*

9:45 - 11:00

Love Songs for the Environment A Musical Tribute to an Abandoned Jerusalem Valley Turned Community Garden -*Miriam Ohevet El*

Communal Art Project and Jam Session - *Shira Salcman*

Wednesday, June 6th

6:45

Shacharit Hike in the Hinterlands - *Sarah Chandler*

7:15

Yoga - *Karin Fleisch*

8:00

Breakfast

8:45 – 12:30

Common Ground Farm Field Trip—Gardening Track Only - *Jewish Farm School Staff*

JFS

8:45 - 10:00

Camp and Wilderness

Animal Games—Part I

Congregational

Tfillah B'Teva: Nature Inspired Prayer—Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat - *Nili Simhai*

Ethics

Genetic Engineering and Food Security in Classical Jewish Literature - *Noam Dolgin*

JFS

Educational Gardening 101 For Participants from Other Tracks - *Jewish Farm School Staff*

10:15 - 11:15

Camp and Wilderness

Heep Hop: Hip Hop for Eco-Jews - *Lily Chandler*

Congregational

Successful Environmental Advocacy from Capital Hill to Your Front Door - *Marc Katz*

Ethics

Why is Biodiversity Theologically Important and How That Relates to Global Warming - *Rabbi David Seidenberg*

JFS

A Year in the Life of a Jewish Garden- *JFS Staff*

11:30 – 12:30

Camp and Wilderness

Recycled Paper Making - *Shira Salcman*

Congregational

The Teva Top Ten Tu B'Shvat Programs - *Noam Dolgin*

Ethics and Texts

Animal Rights vs. Environmentalism: The Debate Between Maimonides and Nachmanides - *Rabbi David Seidenberg*

JFS

Open Time in the Garden

12:30

Lunch

1:15 - 2:30

Camp and Wilderness

Song Leading - *Casey Yarrow*

Camp and Wilderness

Makom Kodesh: Making Your Camping Trip Jewish - *Moshe Kornfeld and Leora Mallach*

Congregational

Ten Effective Opening Activities for Jewish Environmental Educators - *Nili Simhai, Sarah Chandler*

Ethics and Texts

I Win, You Lose: A Halakhic Approach to Zero-Sum Gain Environmental Issue -*Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz*

JFS

Herbs of Plenty: An Introduction to Herbs and Tinctures - *Jewish Farm School Staff*

2:45 - 4:00

Camp and wilderness

Spa – Natural Lip Balm, Bath Salts, and More - *Ariel Vegosin*

Camp and Wilderness

Schach Gamach: Designing Programs with The Tools You Have - *Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz*

<i>Congregational</i>	<i>Earthright: Planning an Eco-Tour in Israel - Leiba Chaya David</i>
<i>Ethics</i>	The Tree of Days: The Jewish Calendar and the Earth - <i>Rabbi Jill Hammer</i>
<i>JFS</i>	<i>L'Dor VaDor- Seed Saving - Ian Roblee-Hertzmark</i>
4:15 – 4:45	Opportunities in Jewish Environmentalism: How You Can Get Involved! - <i>Teva, Isabella Friedman, Hazon, SPNI, COEJL/ RAC</i>
4:45 - 6:00	Break and Program Fair
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:00-7:15	Dvar Torah: Global Warming from a Jewish Perspective - <i>Rabbi David Seidenberg</i>
7:30 - 9:00	What Should We Do About Global Warming? <i>Dr. Marc Cane</i>
9:15 - 11:00	Camp Fire: Eco-Jewish Story Telling: Learning From the Chasidic Masters - <i>Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz</i>
	Deep Ecology Exercises - <i>Rabbi David Seidenberg</i>
<u>Thursday, June 7th</u>	
7:15	<i>Hitbodedut: Meditative Nature Hike - Casey Yurrow</i>
	Yoga - <i>Karin Fleisch</i>
8:00	Breakfast
8:45 - 10:00	
<i>Camp and Wilderness</i>	Animal Adaptation Games—Part II - <i>Sarah Chandler</i>
<i>Congregational</i>	Hanukah as a Holiday of Conservation - <i>Noam Dolgin</i>
<i>Ethics</i>	Reading Genesis Ecologically - <i>Ellen Bernstein</i>
<i>JFS</i>	Jewish Farm School Track Closing - <i>Jewish Farm School Staff</i>
10:15 – 10:55	How to Create Institutional Change, Panel Discussion - <i>Jordan Dale, Nati Passow, Sarah Chandler, Ellen Bernstein, Nili Simhai, moderator</i>
11:00-11:50	Alternative Energy Resources Overview - <i>Linda Curtis</i>
	Recycling, Reducing, and Using Natural Products in Your Classroom and Office - <i>Nati Passow</i>
	Evaluating Jewish Environmental Programming - <i>Lisa Friedman</i>
11:55-12:45	The Round House of Millerton: A Practical Overview of Green Building Materials - <i>Nili Simhai</i>
	Reducing Your Food Waste and Packaging - <i>Sarah Chandler</i>
	Challenges and Opportunities: Finding and Creating Work in the Field of Judaism and Ecology <i>Ellen Bernstein</i>
12:45 - 1:45	Lunch, Evaluations, and Singing