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## The Jewish Ecological Coalition Inc

### JECO eNews for March/April 2012

JECO wishes you a Happy Passover. אג שמח

I came across an interesting word in an article written by Rabbi Jeff Sultar on a very alternative seder. Eco-chametz. He explains eco-chametz as "what is excess in our lives that we need to rid ourselves of, or that we can at least tone down, to keep it in proper proportion and perspective?". I liked the idea of sweeping some eco-chametz out of my life by using less disposable products this Pesach or driving less and walking more.

#### News

##### **Greening Passover in Israel**

The Green Prophet website had some interesting ideas for greening your Passover.

[www.greenprophet.com/2010/03/10-tips-passover-gree/](http://www.greenprophet.com/2010/03/10-tips-passover-gree/)

##### **The Great Barrier Reef**

In March, the three part BBC documentary the 'Great Barrier Reef' was screened on Channel 9. If you're quick you can watch the last two episodes on ninemsn video. The documentary used ground breaking camera techniques and technology to show the reef in ways never seen before. The documentary brought home how important it is to protect the reef and the many species that live there. Visit the WWF site [http://support.wwf.org.au/queensland-turtles.html?utm\\_source=petition&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=GBRnewsletter2012](http://support.wwf.org.au/queensland-turtles.html?utm_source=petition&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=GBRnewsletter2012).

##### **Qantas to Fly on Cooking Oil**

Australia's first commercial biofuel flight will take place next month when Qantas powers one of its Airbus jets with cooking oil.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/travel/news/qantas-set-to-prime-adelaide-flight-on-bio-fuel/story-e6frq8ro-1226309900583>

## Calendar

### **Earth Hour - 31 March, 8:30 pm**

Send a powerful message for action on climate change and switch off your lights on Saturday, March 31st at 8:30 pm. More eco-chametz? <http://www.earthhour.org/>

### **Beyond Zero Emissions Discussion Group - 2 April, 6:00 - 8:30 pm**

Electric Vehicles and Sustainable Transport Infrastructure  
<http://beyondzeroemissions.org/events/discussion-group>

### **Earth Day - 22 April**

April 22 is Earth Day 2012 and over one billion people are expected to participate world wide. You can find or register an event on the Earth Day website. <http://www.earthday.org/2012>

### **What's happening in your hood**

<b>Council</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Link</b>
Glen Eira	20 May 2012	Free eWaste Collection	<a href="#">eWaste</a>
Port Phillip	05 May 2012	National Garage Sale Trail	<a href="#">Garage Sale Trail</a>
Stonnington	26 April 2012	Winter Proof Your House	<a href="#">Winter Proof Your House</a>
Boroondara	ongoing	Byteback eWaste recycling	<a href="#">Byteback</a>

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