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This time of year I can't help but feel bombarded by the message to buy, buy, buy. I like to think that I'm a mindful consumer, but it's easy to be caught up in the frenzy. A few weeks ago I stumbled upon the short movie "The Story of Stuff" which you can watch at <http://www.storyofstuff.org/movies-all/story-of-stuff/>. I'll have another look at the movie before I venture near any shops.

JECO wishes you a more sustainable 2013.

You can now make an online tax deductible donation to JECO at <http://www.givenow.com.au/jeco>.
JECO is on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/JECO.AUS>.

Calendar

January is the quiet month on everyone's calendar.
JECO has lots of plans for 2013 from a bike skills course to movie nights.

News

Solar panels for Kibbutz Lotan's Eco Campus

You can help Kibbutz Lotan develop their net zero energy student EcoCampus neighbourhood.
<http://www.kibbutzlotan.com/solar/#.UODMU3ff2So>.

Monitor your home energy use

One of our JECO members signed up for originsmart and is able to see their hour by hour electrical energy use. Can you guess when they bought a new refrigerator? See their energy graph at http://gallery.mailchimp.com/71b588e2bf58d1de8da030619/images/energy_graph.jpg.

What will be big in clean energy in Australia in 2013?

"RenewEconomy" asked the experts for a few ideas on what will be big in 2013 in clean energy. Read what they said at <http://reneweconomy.com.au/2012/the-hot-tips-for-2013-energy-storage-and-big-solar-69455>.

Turning a landfill site into a public park

A landfill site west of Tel Aviv that receives a quarter of all the waste produced in Israel is being turned into a 2,000-acre model public park. Read more at <http://israel21c.org/environment/turning-a-garbage-mountain-into-something-worth-visiting/>.

What's happening in your shtetl

Council	Date	Event	Link
Glen Eira	January 20 Noon - 4:00 pm	Party in the Park Princes Park, Caulfield South Free event for children	http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Connect/Events/Party_in_the_Park
Port Phillip	ongoing	Free Summer 2013 Leisure and Lifestyle Programs	http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/programs_activities_community.htm

Stonnington	Sundays in January	Jazz in the Gardens Various venues - see program	http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/events/jazz-in-the-gardens/
Boroondara	ongoing	Living for our Future Sustainability Workshops free for residents	http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/our-city/environment/living-for-our-future

Green Tip

In the summer try to use a microwave instead of the stove or oven. The microwave doesn't heat the kitchen.

You should do your own appraisal of products and services reported. JECO cannot take any responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided.

The JECO Committee welcomes input to and comments about JECO eNews.

JECO works to deepen the Jewish community's commitment to caring for the earth. We believe there is a religious as well as a moral obligation to protect the environment. To this end we work with Jewish, secular and multi-faith groups in supporting activities that promote sustainability.

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