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"It's not easy being a farmer, it's not easy being a Jew and it's even harder being a Yiddish-speaking Jewish farmer" says Yisroel Bass. Watch the video and read about this interesting Jewish agricultural experiment in Goshen, New York.

<http://forward.com/articles/159588/learning-yiddish-on-the-farm/?p=1>

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

Friday, 26 July, Schools Tree Day

Around 2500 school children take part in Schools Tree Day every year. They learn to plant tree seedlings and care for them as they grow. Read more at <http://treeday.planetark.org/schools/>.

Sunday, 28 July, 2:45 - 4:45 pm, JECO Film Afternoon at the Lamm Library

Visit the Lamm Library, see a screening of the film "The Economics of Happiness", join in the discussion after the film and have afternoon tea. Great way to spend a winter's afternoon. See the trailer for this well made and interesting film at

<http://www.theeconomicsofhappiness.org/>.

Sunday, 28 July, National Tree Day

Find an event and plant a tree. There are over 60 events taking place close to your shtetl. Read more at

<http://treeday.planetark.org/about/>.

News

Global beef production has been overtaken by aquaculture production

Global aquaculture production, which includes farmed fish and seafood, exceeds global beef production by 7 million tonnes. In 2015 it is predicted that more fish and shellfish will be harvested from fish farms than caught in the wild. Read more at

<http://theconversation.com/beef-or-fish-madam-soon-you-might-not-have-the-choice-15706>.

Why California is ahead of Australia in clean energy goals

Both California and Australia have emission reduction targets, a carbon price, renewable energy targets, strong rooftop solar programs, and energy efficiency measures, but California is way ahead of Australia. The California legislature set ambitious goals and let the engineers figure out how to achieve them. Read more at <http://reneweconomy.com.au/2013/california-finds-clean-energys-magic-ingredient-ambition-83435>.

Israeli public bus turned into luxury living space

Two Israeli woman have transformed an old public bus into a living space as a solution to the Israeli housing crisis. See photos at <http://www.xnet.co.il/design/articles/0,14563,L-3101152,00.html>.

What's happening in your shtetl

Council	Date	Event	Link
Glen Eira	Ongoing	Sign up for an energy makeover Sign up for the <i>Energy Saving Program</i> to have energy saving products installed in your home at no charge.	http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Community/Environment_sustainability/Glen Eira Energy Saving Program
Port Phillip	Thursday, July 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, St Kilda Town Hall	Adapt Sustainability Find out how Port Phillip is planning to adapt to future flooding.	http://www.enviroehub.com.au/
Stonnington	Ongoing	Explore the Glen Iris Park Wetlands	http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/explore-stonnington/parks-and-gardens/glen-iris-park-wetlands/
Bayside	Tuesday, July 9, Noon - 2:00 pm, Highett Neighbourhood Community House, 2 Livingston Street Highett	Container Gardening 101 The basics of growing plants in containers.	http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/whats_on_event_3719.htm
Boroondara	Ongoing	Community Gardens List of community gardens	http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/~media/Files/Our%20city/Parks%20and%20Gardens/CommunityGardenspdf.pdf
Frankston	Sunday, July 28, 10:00am - noon, Frankston Foreshore at	Tree Planting	http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/library/scripts/objectifyMedia.aspx?file=pdf/468/09.pdf&siteID=18&str_title=National%20Tree%20Day%20Frankston%20Foreshore.pdf

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Green Tip

Get ready for spring, start saving cardboard boxes, toilet paper tubes, newspaper, and egg cartons to re-purpose as biodegradable seedling pots.

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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