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JECO eNews for January/February 2014

January 16, 2014 is Tu B'shevat, the New Year for trees

To celebrate Tu B'shevat have a fruit feast and eat grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates remembering that without trees we wouldn't be eating these fruits. Read more about a [Kabbalistic Tu B'shevat seder](#).

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

Sunday 09 February - Sunday 23 February, Sustainable Living Festival

This is Australia's biggest sustainable living festival with activities in Melbourne and statewide. More info: <http://www.slf.org.au/>.

Thursday, 30 January, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Public lecture "The future of materials in meeting our alternative energy challenges"

A free public lecture by Dr Eric Isaacs, Director of the Argonne National Laboratory, USA, followed by a panel discussion featuring Australian Academy of Science President-elect Andrew Holmes, the Grattan Institute's Tony Wood, and Greens MP Adam Bandt. More info: <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/3681-the-future-of-materials-in-meeting-our-alternative-energy-challenges>.

News

A new website tracks heat waves across Australia

A new website <http://scorcher.org.au/> by The ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science sets out to explain and track heat waves.

Renew Economy looks at the 13 major clean energy breakthroughs in

2013

Read more at <http://reneweconomy.com.au/2013/the-13-major-clean-energy-breakthroughs-of-2013-2013>.

An Israeli company is pioneering aquaponics which combines aquaculture and hydroponics

You can raise fish and grow vegetables in your lounge room with an integrated system by LivinGreen. Read more at <http://www.livinggreen.co.il/125649/Home-Aquaponics>.

What's happening in your shtetl**Glen Eira**

Glen Eira Energy Saving Program

Ongoing

More info: http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Community/Environment_sustainability/Glen_Eira_Energy_Saving_Program.

Port Phillip

Twilight Sea Shell Survey

Thursday, 18 February, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, St Kilda Beach

Watch the sunset and discover the unique marine life at your local beach, classifying bivalves and gastropods.

More info: <http://www.ecocentre.com/node/1177>.

Stonnington

Subscribe to notifications of upcoming environmental events at

<http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/subscribe/>.

Bayside

Summer by the Sea Activities

January

More info: http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/241382/Whats-On_CENTRAL_2013_12_23.pdf.

Boroondara

All Aboard the Catchment Crawl

Thursday, January 16, 9:30 am to noon

Follow by bike Boroondara's network of shared paths to explore the natural features of Gardiners Creek and the Yarra River catchment.

More info: <http://bulletin.boroondara.vic.gov.au/all-aboard-the-catchment-crawl/>.

Frankston

Sign up for Enviro News - Council's e-newsletter about all things clean and green! Send your details to

environment@frankston.vic.gov.au.

Green Tip

To keep cool at night freeze your hot water bottle. Cold feet keep you feeling cooler.

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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