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This month brings another High Holidays, another opportunity to make amends and make changes in our lives which will contribute to a better world. As one of your New Year's resolutions JECO recommends committing to a more sustainable lifestyle. Within the context of your own life situation what are the next steps you can take to reduce your personal environmental impact, encourage greater environmental awareness / action in your immediate community, and contribute to national / global attempts to combat climate change.

For inspiration on what you can do to make a difference a good place to start is Shavu'a Tov, JECO's Jewish guide to living more sustainably (<http://www.jeco.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Shavua-Tov.pdf>) and ARRCC's Jewish Climate Action Kit (<http://www.arrcc.org.au/climate-action-kits>). Note, both these booklets are available in hard copy in JECO's 'Jewish-environmentalism' collection at the Lamm Jewish Library of Australia (<http://makorlibrary.softlinkhosting.com.au/liberty3/libraryHome.do>).

The greatest environmental-economic-humanitarian threats facing the world are a result of climate change but what can we as individuals do? On Sunday September 21st, world leaders will meet for the UN's emergency Climate Change Summit in New York. On this day Australians will be gathering at events large and small across the country, calling for meaningful action on climate change. And on the same day, ordinary citizens all over the

world will come together for a global day of action and climate solidarity. [Details:](#)

Want to know what Jews around the world are thinking and doing about the environment? Here's a few places to start looking:

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

<http://www.jewcology.com/content/view/about-jewcology>

<http://www.natureisrael.org/aspni>

<http://www.tevaivri.org.il/en/page-About>

http://www.livingwithinnature.org/links_Jewish.html

Got some ideas on what else JECO could be doing to encourage and facilitate greater involvement of Australia's Jewish community in environmental Tikkun Olam? Talk to us!

**L'Shana Tova U'Metuka!
May it be a peaceful and sustainable year!**

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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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