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## JECO eNews for March 2013

Happy Passover. **חג שמח**

There are many lessons to be learned from the story of our Exodus from Egypt. I read an interesting article "[Preparing for Passover: Readings for the Seder Table](#)" by Stewart Vile Tahl and was struck by his last paragraph titled *Dayenu*. I always enjoy singing *Dayenu* during the seder. *Dayenu* - "it would have been enough for us". Tahl writes that we need to be more mindful of our real needs and what constitutes "enough".

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JECO is on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/JECO.AUS>.

### Calendar

**Sunday, 1 March, 10:30 - 2:00 pm, Clean-up Australia Day with JNF at St Kilda Beach**

To register ring Erez Feinberg on 9272 5666 or email [erez@jnfaus.com.au](mailto:erez@jnfaus.com.au).

**Friday, 22 March, National Ride2School Day**

On National Ride2School Day 2012, 70% of students at St Kilda Primary School rode or walked to school. What about your school? Read more at <http://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/ride2school/>

**Saturday, 23 March, 8:30 pm, Earth Hour**

It's more than just turning off your lights for one hour. Read more at <http://www.earthhour.org/>

**Sunday, 24 March, 9:00 - 1:00 am, Free Bike Riding Skills Course**

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced rider there's something for you to learn at this course run by the City of Port Phillip and facilitated by JECO. The course is for ages 12+ and places are limited. To register email [info@jeco.org.au](mailto:info@jeco.org.au). Read more at <http://www.jeco.org.au/free-bike-skills-course/>.

### News

**Solar Decathlon in China 2013**

The Solar Decathlon is a competition for students to design, build and operate solar panelled houses. A team of students from the University of Wollongong and Wollongong TAFE have created a net-zero energy house which is the only retrofit of an existing house in the competition. Read more at [http://www.solardecathlon.gov/sd\\_china.html](http://www.solardecathlon.gov/sd_china.html).

**Is 100% renewable energy the new norm?**

A decade ago the target for renewable energy use was 20%. Today many countries, cities and businesses are setting targets of 100% renewable energy. Read more at <http://reneweconomy.com.au/2013/100-renewable-energy-becoming-the-new-normal-46698>.

**Israeli cardboard wheelchair**

The Israeli company that developed a cardboard bicycle has designed a cardboard wheelchair that is made of \$10 worth of recycled cardboard, tyres and plastic bottles. Read more at <http://www.aish.com/jw/id/Israels-Cardboard-Wheelchair.html>.

## What's happening in your shtetl

Council	Date	Event	Link
<b>Glen Eira</b>	March 4 7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Sustainable Home - Energy Efficient Design</b> Glen Eira Town Hall	<b>Sally Stewart</b> Phone: 9524 3333
<b>Port Phillip</b>	March 17 10:30 am	<b>Garden Fun for Kids</b> EcoCentre Garden	<a href="http://www.enviroehub.com.au/whats-happening-in-your-hood/events-calendar/event-item?eventId=586">http://www.enviroehub.com.au/whats-happening-in-your-hood/events-calendar/event-item?eventId=586</a>
<b>Stonnington</b>	March 7 7:00 - 9:00 pm	<b>Autumn in your Patch</b> All you need to know about what to do in your patch in Autumn to grow fresh produce throughout the year. Malvern Town Hall	To register, visit our <a href="http://www.stonningtonbookingform.com.au/">http://www.stonningtonbookingform.com.au/</a> or call 8290 1333.
<b>Boroondara</b>	Ongoing	<b>Sustainable transport planning help for events held in Boroondara</b>	phone: 9278 4542 or email <a href="mailto:transport@boroondara.vic.gov.au">transport@boroondara.vic.gov.au</a>

### Green Tip

Use a few drops of olive oil to polish stainless steel, copper, and brass.

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