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ואכלת ושבעת וברכת את יהוה אלהיך על הארץ הטבה אשר נתן לך:

When you have eaten and are satisfied, give praise to your God who has given you this good earth.

Deuteronomy 8:10

During Passover I realised how much time I spend reading about food, cooking, sharing food and eating. Last week I attended Sustainability Victoria's Food Waste Avoidance Workshop as a representative of JECO. The week before the workshop we had to fill in a [food waste diary](#). It's an exercise I can recommend - you'll be surprised. In Victoria, households spend about **\$800** per year on food they don't use and eventually throw away. You may not want to keep a food waste diary for a week, but do try to be mindful of the food you waste. Some sites that give you tips on how to manage food waste are:

<http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au/>

<http://foodwise.com.au/>

News

Israel's global centre for solar energy research

Kibbutz Ketura in the Arava Valley has the highest levels of solar radiation on the planet. It is the perfect place for solar energy companies from around the world to test their prototype solar panels. Click [here](#) to read more.

Green Israel on Facebook

This facebook page was set up by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs to provide information on the innovations coming out of Israel in such areas as medicine, solar technology, clean-tech, water re-use and agriculture. As Israel is a country lacking natural resources, sustainable development is crucial. For example, Israel's water re-use is the highest in the world, recycling 75% of their water. Click [here](#) for Green Israel on Facebook.

Documentary "I Can Change Your Mind about Climate"

In this documentary, founder and chair of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Anna Rose and one of Australia's most high profile climate sceptics, Nick Minchin, travel around the world to see if they can change each other's minds on climate change. Click [here](#) to watch this thought provoking and entertaining documentary.

Calendar

Climate Impact Day - 5 May 2012

350.org is connecting the dots between climate change and extreme weather with a global event involving thousands of people around the world.

Limmud Oz - 10 - 11 June 2012

JECO will be at Limmud Oz with a panel discussion on "Jewish Morality and Environmentalism". Details to be emailed closer to the event.

What's happening in your shtetl

Council	Date	Event	Link
Glen Eira	ongoing	A cycling guide to Glen Eira.	Bike
Port Phillip	ongoing	Sustainability Makeover	Sustain
Stonnington	May 5-20	Fair Trade fortnight at Prahran Market	Fairtrade
Boroondara	May	Sustainable Living Workshops in the Boroondara Bulletin	Bulletin

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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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