



## **A Light Among the Nations Sermonic and Background Material on Climate Change**

### Global Climate Change Resources – Jewish and Interfaith Perspectives

#### From COEJL

1. COEJL's Global Climate Change Campaigns, including links to COEJL press releases and the current "Light Among the Nations" campaign (<http://www.coejl.org/climatechange/index.php>).
2. Video – "God's Creation & Global Warming." Available for purchase here: <http://www.coejl.org/donate/order.pdf>.
3. Complete list of Rabbinic Groups' Climate Resolutions ([http://www.coejl.org/climatechange/cc\\_resources.php](http://www.coejl.org/climatechange/cc_resources.php)).

#### From other organizations

1. Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Climate Change and Global Warming; A general overview of climate change, relevant legislation, Jewish values, press releases and links to other sites of interest. <http://rac.org/advocacy/issues/issuecc/>.
2. Protecting Creation (formerly the Interfaith Climate Change Network), People of Faith Acting Together for Climate Justice (<http://www.protectingcreation.org/>). Includes extensive information on advocacy, personal practices, greening congregations. For sermonic material, albeit from an interfaith perspective, see the Interfaith Study Guide on Global Warming (<http://www.protectingcreation.org/documents/CryOfCreation.pdf>).

### Judaism and Environment

#### From COEJL

1. A Rosh Hashana Sermon – Focusing on the wonder of creation and culminating in our responsibility to the earth ([http://www.coejl.org/celebrate/rh\\_sermon.php](http://www.coejl.org/celebrate/rh_sermon.php)).
2. A Rosh Hashana Sermon (by Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson) – Focusing on perceptions of how the universe works and what is the human role in it. ([http://www.coejl.org/celebrate/rh\\_artson.php](http://www.coejl.org/celebrate/rh_artson.php)).
3. A Yom Kippur Sermon – Focusing on repentance and our transgressions against the earth ([http://www.coejl.org/celebrate/yk\\_sermon.php](http://www.coejl.org/celebrate/yk_sermon.php)).
4. Judaism and the Environment: "Bal Tashchit: the development of a Jewish environmental principle" ([http://www.coejl.org/learn/je\\_tashchit.php](http://www.coejl.org/learn/je_tashchit.php)).
5. Judaism and the Environment: "Jewish Environmental Values: The Dynamic Tension Between Nature and Human Needs" (by Rabbi Saul Berman; [http://www.coejl.org/learn/je\\_berman.php](http://www.coejl.org/learn/je_berman.php)).
6. Judaism and the Environment: "Ten Jewish Teachings on Judaism and the Environment (by Rabbi Lawrence Troster; [http://www.coejl.org/learn/je\\_tenje.php](http://www.coejl.org/learn/je_tenje.php)).

7. “Sermon-starters and notes on integrating environmental concern into life-cycle events” compiled by Rabbi Fred Dobb (<http://www.coejl.org/greensyn/7-0rabbinic.php>). Includes additional links to D’var Torah Resources.
8. “Jewish Environmental Sermonic Material” by Rabbi Daniel Swartz. [http://rac.org/kd/Items/actions.cfm?action=Show&item\\_id=1608&destination>ShowItem](http://rac.org/kd/Items/actions.cfm?action=Show&item_id=1608&destination>ShowItem).

Other sources

1. Canfei Nesharim’s Tu B’Shvat learning campaign. <http://canfeinesharim.org/tubshvat2006.shtml>. An excellent assortment of articles, scroll down for Tu B’Shvat articles and scroll to the end of the page for a variety of writings on Judaism and responsibility to the Earth.
2. Dobb, Fred. 2000. “The Rabbis and Expanding Environmental Consciousness.” Pp 157-179 in Waskow, A (ed.) The Torah of the Earth. Jewish Lights Publishing. Woodstock, VT.
3. Schwartz, Richard. 2002. Judaism and Global Survival. Lantern Books. NY. See chapters 10 (Global Climate Change) and 13 (Conclusions).
4. *Daedalus*. Fall 2001. Special Issue on Religion and Ecology: Can the Climate Change? American Academy of Arts & Sciences. See Introduction, “Nature in the Sources of Judaism” by Hava Tirosh-Samuels, and “Where Do We Go From Here?” by Bill McKibben. <http://www.amacad.org/publications/fall2001/fall2001.aspx>.
5. Jewish Reconstructionist Federation Resolution on the Environment. <http://www.jrf.org/to/resolution-environment.html>.
6. United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Resolution on the Environment. <http://www.uscj.org/Environment6672.html>.
7. The Rabbinical Council of America. <http://www.rabbis.org/news/article.cfm?id=100776>.

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