October Jewish Value: Shmirat Ha’Teva
Appreciating & Caring for the Earth

Reading List for Children:
- The Curious Garden, by Peter Brown
- The Book of, by Todd Parr
- Just a Dream, by Chris Van Allsburg
- Roscoe and the Pelican Rescue, by Lynn Rowe Reed
- Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth, by Mary McKenna Siddals

For more book suggestions, click here.

Reading List for Adults:
- A Wild-Faith: Jewish Ways into Wilderness, by Rabbi Mike Comins
- Ecology and the Jewish Spirit: Where Nature and the Sacred Meet, by Ellen Bernstein
- Hot, Flat and Crowded, by Thomas Friedman
- “How Jewish is Jewish Environmentalism?” Mosaic Magazine (May 17, 2015), by Julian Sinclair

For more information and to RSVP, email julie.rizzo@charlottejcc.org.

Websites for More Information:
Coalition on the Environment in Jewish Life: coejl.org
Hazon - Jewish Inspiration; Sustainable Communities: hazon.org
Canfei Nesharim - Sustainable Living Inspired by Torah: canfeinesharim.org

Learn

- What do you like most about nature?
- What is your best memory of something you’ve done, or a place you’ve been that involved nature?
- Why is it important for us to take care of the earth?
- What can we, as a family, do to help take care of the earth?
- What can you, as an individual, do to help take care of the earth?

Act

Fun family projects to do right at home!

- Build a Bird Feeder for Your Yard!
  Use recycled items to build bird feeders to help feathered friends make it through the winter and enjoy wildlife at its best right in your back yard!

- Make a “Go Green” Chart for Your Home!
  Teach all family members responsibility for guarding the earth by assigning a weekly “green responsibility.”

- Create a Pollination Station!
  When plants meet pollinators, everyone wins!

- Plant a Tree – in Israel!
  Help “green” the land of Israel by planting trees in this natural desert.

- Build a Bee House!
  These bee houses are built for mason bees, which rarely sting, but are great pollinators. They also do not drill holes in wood like carpenter bees.

- Composting Class
  Everything you need to know about home composting!

Unite

- Adopt-a-Stream!
  Gather some friends or family to clean up a stream in Mecklenburg County.

- Talk a Nature Walk
  Check out one of Mecklenburg County’s many greenways.

- Shalom Park Community Garden Workday
  Bring the whole family! Come help plant the fall crops in the new Shalom Green Community Garden!
  Sunday, October 4 • 8:30am-1pm
  Shalom Park Community Garden (near Portico entrance)
  To sign up to participate, click here.

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