

Title: **Torah goes green- ECRUSY**

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What type of Program is This: Rel/ed

Program Summary: Quotes from the Torah and other Jewish scripture (ex. Rashi) interpreted and discussed in relation to present environmentally conscious lifestyles.

Materials: Indoors, enough space for several groups to sit far enough away from each other so that conversations are intimate. Chairs or couches would be nice but if not, sitting on the floor is an option. **Siddurim** are the only materials needed.

Who will be leading this program: co-chairs and REB

Are groups required? Ideal group size: 10, not including the leaders. Number of groups doesn't make a difference

Detailed instructions on how to run the program:

Begin by introducing the program as Torah goes green: an introduction to Jewish environmentalism. Pass out a siddur to each group member and ask them to search for one line (English or Hebrew) that they think pertains to the environment. Give everyone a few minutes to search, and then when they are all ready, go around the group and ask them to tell everyone the page number and read out the quote and say what they think about this quote. Discussion within the group about individual's quotes is encouraged. Continue around the group until everyone has had a chance to read their quote. After this activity, the leader will have a sheet with several quotes from Jewish scripture that they can read themselves or pass around and a group member volunteers to read. A short description/interpretation will be under each quote to also be read. Then the group can discuss the quote and how it can be related to the present. That's it! Simple but educational.