



“Religion is an essential factor in motivating individuals to protect the environment and address climate change”

<i>Faith Perspective</i>	<i>Judaism</i>
<p>Fundamental Principle of the Faith</p> <p><i>What the faith teaches about taking care of the environment (sacred texts)</i></p>	<p>Bal Tashchit - You shall not destroy</p> <p>Deut 20.19 and the rabbis extended this principle of not destroying into peace time too, also not wasting anything, not causing pain</p> <p>Tikkun Olam - repairing the world</p> <p>Careful earth stewardship (taking responsibility for the earth) based on creation responsibilities outlined in Genesis and the 10 commandments and the sabbatical year (Lev 25:3-4)</p> <p>Cancelling of debt</p>
<p>Application of the Principle to the Motion of the debate</p> <p><i>What responsibility the faith</i></p>	<p>The responsibilities for both ‘caring and repairing’ the earth are very much expected of the individual as well as the</p>





<i>tradition's teaching passes to individuals</i>	community
<p>Implications for the debate</p> <p><i>Things to think about when preparing for the debate</i></p>	<p>How do we respond as Jews to these instructions?</p> <p>The principles are there in our age old traditions, but applying them often needs a modern interpretation. What might that be?</p>
<p>Documentary references and interpretations</p> <p><i>Useful references from sacred text(s)</i></p>	<p>Deut 20 v19-20</p> <p>Deut 5 v 5:14</p> <p>Ps 24:1</p>
<p>Examples of faith-based environmental protection organisations and activities</p>	<p>Jewish Ecological Coalition (https://www.jeco.org.au)</p> <p>Directory of Charities and Nonprofit Organizations (https://www.guidestar.org/nonprofit-directory/religion/jewish/1.aspx)</p>

