

Splashing to Sinai: A Water Tzedakah Omer Counter

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Eco-Sefirot:

Hesed: Loving earth

Gevura: Limiting the damage we do to the earth

Tiferet: Seeing the beauty in nature

Netzach: Sustaining our earth

Hod: Hearing the echo of humanity's past in nature

Yesod: Repairing the foundations of our natural world

Malchut: Seeking God in nature

The 5767 Religious School Tzedakah project has been to raise money to repair the watery worlds of Lake Michigan & Yam Kinneret/the Sea of Galilee. For this Omer Counter, each of the daily & weekly characteristics of God --experiences of God within us--focuses on God as a connection to our natural, and specifically our watery, world.

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H E S L E O D V E	Tues eve 4/3 1 Day Discuss places on Lake Michigan that you love	Wed eve 4/4 2 Days Learn about an invasive species threatening Lake M www.greatlakes.org	Th eve 4/5 3 Days Name the countries fighting to be king over the waters into/out of the Kinneret. Find them on a map.	Shabbat eve 4/6 4 Days Learn about Kibbutz Deganya where they have been loving living on the Kinneret long before Israel!	Sat eve 4/7 5 Days How many different birds can you hear whose call resounds in your piece of the Lake M watershed?	Sun eve 4/8 6 Days On a map, measure the length of the Jordan River, the foundation of a harmonious border bet Israel & Jordan	Mon eve 4/9 7 Days/1 week How many Christian pilgrimage sites that Christians love to visit are on Yam Kinneret?
G E V L U I R M A I T	Tues eve 4/10 8 days/ 1 wk & 1 day Visit a dog lover's beach on Lake M, restraining poo pollution	Wed eve 4/11 9 days/ 1 wk & 2 days Send a cheer-up card to a soldier in the Great Lakes VA Hospital	Th eve 4/12 10 days/ 1 wk & 3 days Take action against non-point pollution: check for oil spills on your garage floor	Shabbat eve 4/13 11 days/ 1 wk & 4 days List every way your family saves water, preserving Lake M for the future	Sat eve 4/14 12 days/ 1 wk & 5 days Visit the Great Lakes Naval Mus. www.nsgreatlakes.navy.mil/museum	Sun eve 4/15 13 days/ 1 wk & 6 days Read the story of the Ship & Sanitary Canal	Mon eve 4/16 14 days/ 2 wks Write your own blessing for when you feel God near the water
T I F E R S E E T E	Tues eve 4/17 15 days/ 2 wks 1 day Draw a picture of your favorite image of Lake M	Wed eve 4/18 16 days/ 2 wks 2 days Learn about an endangered IL dune plant	Th eve 4/19 17 days/ 2 wks 3 days Get ready to sleep, float a candle water. Silently, see its beauty	Shabbat eve 4/20 18 days/ 2 wks 4 days Visit a Lake M dune. What threatens its survival?	Sat eve 4/21 19 days/ 2 wks 5 days Look up pix of old lakefront Chicago on the web. Note changes in the shore.	Sun eve 4/22 20 days/ 2 wks 6 days What is being done to preserve enough water for Yam Kinneret?	Mon eve 4/23 21 days/3 wks YOM HA'ATZMAUT Look at pix of the Bannias springs, top of the Jordan R

Our Water Tzedakah Partners:

Alliance for the Great Lakes
www.greatlakes.org

Friends of the Earth Mid-East/Eco-Peace
www.foeme.org

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N E U T Z A A H I N	Tues eve 4/24 22 days/ 3 wks 1 day What can you do to help rare dune plants return?	Wed eve 4/25 23 days/ 3 wks 2 days Plan to reduce the water your garden needs with mulch	Th eve 4/26 24 days/ 3 wks 3 days How will JRC's new building be both pretty & green?	Shabbat eve 4/27 25 days/ 3 wks 4 days Learn about Eco-Peace's Good Water Neighbors	Sat eve 4/28 26 days/ 3 wks 5 days Tell family stories about water, or read about the Dust Bowl	Sun eve 4/29 27 days/ 3 wks 6 days Write to your Congressperson about taking care of Lake M	Mon eve 4/30 28 days/4 wks Read the Creation story. Compare our world today to Gan Eden. What has changed?
H H O E D A R	Tues eve 5/1 29 days/ 4 wks 1 day Read about the work the JNF did in the past in Israel	Wed eve 5/2 30 days/ 4 wks 2 days Quaking Tiberius: www.lifeinthehollyland.com/tiberias_fortifications.htm	Th eve 5/3 31 days/ 4 wks 3 days Find a body of water (a pond?) and just listen	Shabbat eve 5/4 32 days/ 4 wks 4 days Visit, online &/or in person, the new Chicago River Mus	Sat eve 5/5 33 days/ 4 wks 5 days LAG B'OMER Make a bonfire—or a little blaze in your bbq!	Sun eve 5/6 34 days/ 4 wks 6 days Read about the Rainbow Beach riots in Chicago & talk about race relations	Mon eve 5/7 35 days/5 wks Read a psalm with water in it. Write your own. Illustrate it.
Y R E E S P O A D I R	Tues eve 5/8 36 days/ 5 wks 1 day Visit eco-art www.kibbutzlotan.com	Wed eve 5/9 37 days/ 5 wks 2 days Write a family poem about our lakes.	Th eve 5/10 38 days/ 5 wks 3 days Look out for a sad spot brightened by flowers	Shabbat eve 5/11 39 days/ 5 wks 4 days Write to your legislator about saving Lake M	Sat eve 5/12 40 days/ 5 wks 5 days Google images "hula valley" & see the saving of a swamp	Sun eve 5/13 41 days/ 5 wks 6 days Pick up garbage that would end up in the storm drains	Mon eve 5/14 42 days/6 wks Write your own blessing for cleaning or helping our lakes
M A L- H U T	Tues eve 5/15 43 days/ 6 wks 1 day Give the lake a hug!	Wed eve 5/16 44 days/ 6 wks 2 days Thank God for the lake savers!	Th eve 5/17 45 days/ 6 wks 3 days Listen to God in the sound of water	Shabbat eve 5/18 46 days/ 6 wks 4 days Talk about God this Shabbat	Sat eve 5/19 47 days/ 6 wks 5 days Sing a Jewish song about nature	Sun eve 5/20 48 days/ 6 wks 6 days Say a blessing when you see water	Mon eve 5/21 49 days/7 wks Find a God place—visit it daily

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