

ECO  SYNAGOGUE



Planting and protecting forests and their habitats

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This resource has been generously adapted by [JTree](#) to be used in registered EcoSynagogues to help engage in conservation work and store carbon.

This resource is relevant to Section 4 Question 7 of our Environmental Audit:

We offset the carbon footprint of our Synagogue building(s) through ecologically sound channels in those areas in which we cannot reduce it.

And Section 5 Question 12:

Our Synagogue is involved with local conservation work.

See the JTree presentation at EcoSynagogue's EcoTeams Meet in October 2022 [here](#)

About JTree

“I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted it for me. Likewise, I am planting for my children.”

– Ta’anit 23a

JTree is a project in partnership with EcoJudaism and was conceived by Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg following a report by Professor Crowther, endorsed by the UN in the summer of 2019 on how many trillion trees were needed and, critically – where. It was launched at Tu B’Shevat 2020 in the UK and the US. It is led here by Rabbi Wittenberg and Angelina Doherty, and in the US by Hazon and Dr Ace Levene.

Tree is all about planting trees. It’s a positive, collective, international Jewish response to the Climate Crisis. The world needs trillions of trees. Through Jtree we can all help plant the right trees in the right places in the right way.

JTree in the UK has planted 17174 trees so far!

The best way to start engaging with JTree is by visiting the website:

www.jtree.org.uk

JTree offers three main ways of engagement:

- 1 - [Donate](#) to plant trees through JTree's [partners](#)
- 2 - [Register](#) trees you plant
- 3 - [Get Planting!](#)

Donate To Plant Trees

As individuals or communities to have trees planted by [our experienced partners](#). Your trees will be counted in the total number of trees planted by the Jewish Community in the UK. Send the gift of a tree, donate for special occasions or life cycle events such as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or to store carbon, and include your dedication message and you will receive a donation [certificate](#).

Register Your Trees

As individuals or communities, register the trees you plant and add to the total trees planted by the Jewish community. We will review your registration and once approved, your story will be shared with the community through our website and pinned on our world-wide map.

Get Planting!

Make a difference with your own hands! Learn how to plant trees, join one of our planting projects as individuals and communities or for Bar/Bat Mitzvah projects. Or start your own project and invite others in the community to join!

If you have any questions, you can always contact directly info@jtree.org.uk

Resources

JTree offers a number of helpful resources which will grow further.

To understand more about how important tree planting and rewilding is, visit the [Carbon Storage resource](#) on the website.

You can also explore other resources like the [rewilding](#) and [urban planting](#) resources and make a commitment to arrange conservation work together.

Some examples of our tree planting projects:



Planting & Building Women's Capacity in Agroforestry, Uganda



Planting in the Langley Vale Centenary Wood

1037 women have been trained on project planning and management and now possess the relevant skills and knowledge. 35123 tree seedlings were purchased and supplied to 357 women, helping them increase their food security, income and support their environment in the near future.

“Tree planting in my garden will support the ground and work as wind breakers. A measure to reduce soil erosion. Grow more trees, save the gardens and be free from hunger and poverty”

– *Mbambu Constance, Bunyandiko Village, Uganda*

The Woodland Trust's project at Langley Vale First World War Centenary Woods will maintain existing woodlands and ensure the protection of their habitats, and transform the existing arable land into both a natural haven and a living First World War memorial.