

Thank you so much for the outpouring of interest and warm responses you all have given to my Stroum Lectures, **Reading Jewish Texts in an Age of Climate Change**. Since several of you asked for recommendations for further reading on a variety of topics, I've curated a list of some works you might enjoy. I've tried to strike a balance between academic and popular works, in the hopes that you'll find something that speaks to your interests.

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Jewish and/or Religious Environmentalism

Jeremy Benstein, *The Way into Judaism and the Environment*. (Jewish Lights, 2006)—an accessible introduction to key Jewish environmental texts and principles

Jeffery Jerome Cohen and Julian Yates, "Ravens and Doves," *Emergence Magazine*, April 2021. <https://emergencemagazine.org/essay/ravens-and-doves/> —a brilliant evocation of the dangerous environmental implications of the Noah story

Ellen Davis, *Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible*. (Cambridge University Press, 2009)—evocative and unexpected readings of biblical texts that illuminate how thoroughly the writers of the Hebrew Bible are rooted in the land

Willis Jenkins, *The Future of Ethics: Sustainability, Social Justice, and Religious Creativity*. (Georgetown University Press, 2013)—a powerful examination of climate ethics and how religious communities should grapple with the challenge of climate change

Mari Joerstad, *The Hebrew Bible and Environmental Ethics: Humans, NonHumans, and the Living Landscape*. (Cambridge University Press, 2019)—a beautiful and thought-provoking work of scholarship; one of the books I'm reading now

David Seidenberg, *Kabbalah and Ecology: God's Image in the More-than-Human World*. (Cambridge University Press, 2015)—a richly textured exploration of Jewish ecological thought in classical midrash and kabbalah

The Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology, run by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grimm, maintains a wonderful and rich bibliography of religious environmental writing, organized by religious tradition: <https://fore.yale.edu/Resources/Bibliographies>

Jewish Feminist Ethics & Theology

Mara Benjamin, *The Obligated Self: Maternal Subjectivity and Jewish Thought*. (Indiana University Press, 2018)—a brilliant work of feminist philosophy and theology

Aurora Levins Morales, *Medicine Stories: Essays for Radicals*. Revised Edition. (Duke University Press, 2019)—a powerful collection of essays; my own thinking has been especially shaped by "My Feminism" and "Nadie La Tiene: Land, Ecology, Nationalism"

Judith Plaskow, *The Coming of Lilith: Essays on Feminism, Judaism, and Sexual Ethics, 1972-2003*. (Beacon Press, 2005)—an invaluable collection of luminous short writings; the essay I talked about after my second lecture is “Preaching Against the Text”

Environmental Studies & Climate Change

Robert Bullard, et al. *Toxic Wastes and Race at Twenty, 1987-2007*. (United Church of Christ Justice and Peace Ministries, 2007) <https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/toxic-wastes-and-race-at-twenty-1987-2007.pdf>—a powerful introduction to the environmental justice movement and an analysis of how minoritized communities are disproportionately harmed by toxic exposures and environmental racism

Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*. (Milkweed, 2013)—a beautiful, lyrical meditation that brings together ecological science and indigenous wisdom

Rob Nixon, *Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor*. (Harvard University Press, 2011)—one of the books that has profoundly shaped my thinking about climate change, colonialism, and environmental violence

Kari Marie Norgaard, *Living in Denial: Climate Change, Emotions, and Everyday Life*. (MIT Press, 2011)—a book that rethinks the assumption that apathy keeps people from acting in response to climate change; instead, our grief, anxiety, and care lead us to look away

Disability Activism & Disability Cultures

Patty Berne and Sins Invalid, *Skin, Tooth, and Bone: The Basis of Movement is Our People*. Second Edition. <https://www.sinsinvalid.org/disability-justice-primer>—an accessible primer on the values and practices that undergird the work of disability justice

Eli Claire, *Exile and Pride: Disability, Queerness, Liberation*. (South End Press, 1999) and *Brilliant Imperfection: Grappling with Cure*. (Duke University Press, 2017)—both offer brilliant insight into disability politics through personal narrative and cultural critique

Alison Kafer, *Feminist, Queer, Crip*. (Indiana University Press, 2013)—powerful and incisive disability studies scholarship that is also deeply rooted in disability activism

Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha, *Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice*. (Arsenal Pulp Press, 2018)—an indispensable account of disability justice principles and practice

And, if you're so inclined, my next book will be written for a popular audience:

Julia Watts Belser, *Breath and Bone: Disability Politics and the Bible*. (Beacon Press, 2023).