Bal Tash'chit
(Do Not Waste)

Easy at-home Jewish learning from the ISJL

THE BIG IDEA: *Bal Tash'chit* (Do Not Waste)
The concept of *bal tash'chit* (do not waste) comes from the Torah, wherein we are taught to respect and take care of the environment. The Bimbam video "Waste Not!" from the Shaboom series shows us how wasting everyday items can affect the environment: https://www.bimbam.com/kids-family/

STORY: *Respecting Nature*
Join a class field trip to learn about respecting nature by watching this follow-along story *Respecting Nature* by My Young Child. The story can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfR5wtB8FDI

ACTIVITY: Take a Family Walk
Take a walk outside as a family. While on the walk, notice the unique and different sounds of nature. Make a list as you go on a sound search, listening for:

- birds chirping
- different animal sounds
- the sounds of a river or body of water nearby
- the sound of leaves rustling in the wind
- the sound of the ground underneath your feet
- anything else you would add to this list

Bring a trash bag and plastic gloves on your walk. If there is trash on the ground, pick it up to help care for and respect the environment. Wear gloves if you have them, or use a trash scoop!

LISTEN: "The Voyage of Ocean Trash with Jenni Brandon"

Listen to the podcast "The Voyage of the Ocean Trash with Jenni Brandon" from Tumble - Science Podcast for Kids found at the following link: http://www.bestrobotever.com/tumble

Once you are on the page, scroll down to episode 98. This episode answers kids' tough questions about how trash ends up in the ocean. Also during this episode, Jenni Brandon shares her experience with the great pacific garbage patch. Learn more about it and to see what the garbage patch looks like at the following link: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/51d416fbb4884fef99b175602c010b18.