



# Topsy Turvy Bus

The bio-fueled environmental schoolhouse on wheels!

Through the Topsy Turvy Bus, this mobile educational spectacle is showing communities that we have the power to change the course of history and flip the environmental damage we see around us on its head. Through hands-on programming with activities both on and off the bus, over 12,500 participants of all ages have experienced this unique Jewish environmental education learning space.

The Topsy Turvy Bus was originally commissioned by Ben Cohen of Ben & Jerry's and was built by Tom Kennedy and his partner, Haideen, at Tom Kennedy's Art Cards shop in San Francisco, CA in 2007. The first tour was focused on reducing the wasteful spending of the Pentagon. The second tour was to advocate for the White House Organic Farm project.

Over the past 7 years, Teva has been on unique adventures to open minds and stretch imaginations, showing communities all across the country the power we have as individuals and communities to change the course of history and flip the environmental damage we see around us on its head! And what better way to spread this message than on a Topsy Turvy School Bus that runs on used vegetable oil? We aim to make it through our tours without ever stopping at a gas station – you can follow our blog to see if we can do it!

On our tours we build, celebrate, and strengthen the Jewish communities we visit through innovative learning methods, and grassroots action around Jewish values and renewable energy topics. We dream big, and discover creative ways to re-think energy and conservation issues, from worm composting to human-powered bicycle generators.

The Topsy Turvy Bus is appearing at our Southern Connecticut Food Festival, due to the generous sponsorship of **Jennifer and David Millstone and Standard Industries**.