



Kids' CAJE Page

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TZEDAKAH צדקה

Doing Righteous Acts



The Ladder of

Tzedakah

Maimonides lived in the 12th Century. He was a great Jewish philosopher and teacher. Maimonides taught us about the Mitzvah of *tzedakah* — being righteous by helping others. He said there were eight levels of *tzedakah*. The lowest level (step 1 below) is to give grudgingly. The highest level (step 8 below) is to help a person become independent so as not to need *tzedakah*.

For each *tzedakah* level below, write an example of that kind of giving.

8. Helping a person become independent	_____
7. Neither donor nor receiver know each other.	_____
6. Donor knows receiver, receiver doesn't know donor.	_____
5. Receiver knows donor, donor doesn't know receiver.	_____
4. Giving directly without being asked.	_____
3. Giving after being asked.	_____
2. Giving cheerfully but less than one should.	_____
1. Giving grudgingly.	_____

8. HELP A PERSON HELP HIMSELF!

7. THE GIVER AND RECEIVER UNKNOWN TO EACH OTHER.

6. RECEIVER KNOWN, GIVER UNKNOWN.

5. GIVER DOES NOT KNOW RECEIVER.

4. GIVES BEFORE HE IS ASKED.

3. GIVES AFTER HE IS ASKED.

2. GIVES LESS THAN HE SHOULD, BUT CHEERFULLY.

1. GIVES UNWILLINGLY.

This Is Your Page

"The Kids' CAJE Page" welcomes your original, creative puzzles, games, rebuses, kid-style recipes, artwork, arts and crafts projects, stories and other contributions. CAJE reserves the right to edit submissions. Entries can not be returned; all entries become the property of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education. Help make the Kids' CAJE Page your page!

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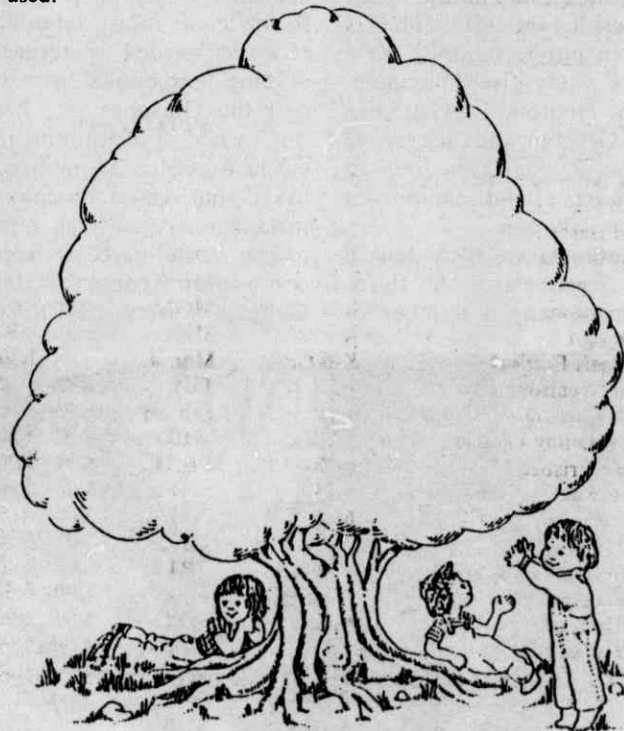
Tzedakah in Our Jewish Community

The Torah commands "...open your hand to the poor and needy kinsman in your land" (Deuteronomy 15:11). *Tzedakah* — helping the poor and needy — is a Mitzvah. Examples of this Mitzvah in action can be seen in Jewish communities all over the world. Jewish Agencies help Jews in each community by serving their needs. Agencies also raise money to help Jews in Israel and other countries.

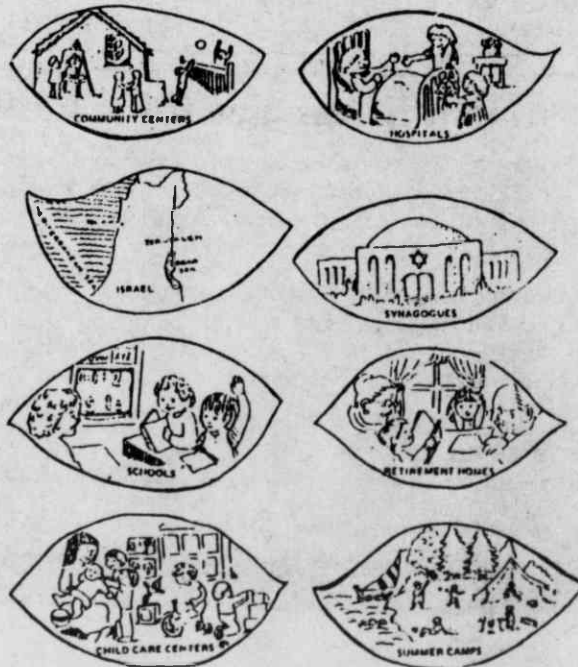
Most Jewish communities have a synagogue and a Jewish Community Center. What Jewish agencies in your community can you name? How do each of these organizations help people?

Agency	Purpose
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

This is a KEREN AMI tree. Color it. Then color and cut out the leaves below. Paste them onto the tree. They show ways your money is used.



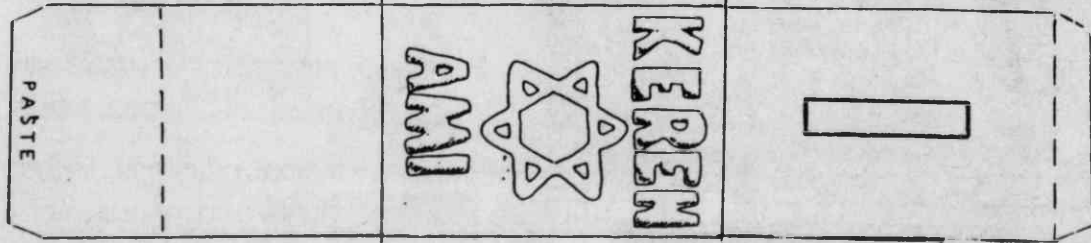
COLOR, CUT OUT, PASTE ON TREE.



TODAY WE COLLECT MONEY
IN OUR CLASSROOMS.

WE CALL THIS MONEY
KEREN AMI.

A "FUND FOR MY PEOPLE."



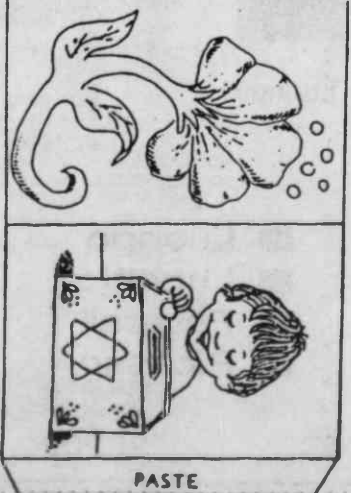
FOLD ON LINES.

FILL WITH COINS.

Make your own tzedakah box.

Learn something about each of our local Jewish agencies and decide which of these you would like to help.

Color, glue to a piece of thin cardboard.
CUT, AND PASTE THIS KEREN AMI BOX.



Credits

Ladder, Our Community
Mitzvot Copy Pak, ARE, Denver, CO.

Tzedakah Box; Tzedakah Tree
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Drawings
Tzedakah, Not Charity But Justice
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