



Hebrew School: The Podcast! Educator Guide

Episode 2: Tzedakah

Themes:

- The importance of Tzedakah
- Tzedakah in the bible
- How to give Tzedakah

Listen and Learn



This episode's Listen and Learn can be found [here](#). This activity allows you to use sections of the podcast in an interactive way. It can be sent to learners or projected in the classroom.

Play and Learn



In this section, you will find **ready-made** games which expand on the themes of the episode and provide multiple modalities for engaging learners. Many games include a link to a digital version, a printable version, and ideas for adding movement.

Tzedakah in Action: Matching Game:

- **Digital:** As learners play online, they will receive feedback on their answers.
- **On Paper:** Print out page 2 of the packet for learners to play individually or in groups.
- **Move and Shake:** Cut out the description and the pictures separately. Place one photo or description on the back or forehead of each learner and invite them to ask their friends to help find their match.

Tzedakah in Action Wordsearch:

- **Digital:** There are two versions of this wordsearch: Ages [6-8](#) and [9-12](#). The games are built in Genial.ly, an online learning platform. Create a free account and adapt this game to your learners.
- **On Paper:** The second page of each file contains the answer guide. Ages [6-8](#) and [9-12](#).
- **Move and Shake:** Create a giant puzzle on the floor by printing out letters (or using letter blocks or tiles). Give groups of learners pieces of string and invite them to walk onto the board to mark their answers. Or, take the game outdoors with sidewalk chalk.

Tzedakah in Action: Exploring Maimonides Tzedakah Ladder (ages 9-12):

- **Digital:** Players can self-assess their progress as they place each approach to giving tzedakah on the correct rung of the ladder.
- **On Paper:** The game requires cutting. Do this in advance for a Shabbat-friendly version.
- **Move and Shake:** Create the image of a laid down ladder on the floor. Print each approach on a separate page and invite learners to imagine that a person needing help is on the other side of the ladder. To help, learners need to place the steps of the ladder in the correct order. Provide only yes/no feedback for each step, until they have gotten them all and can “climb” the tzedakah ladder.

Tzedakah in Action: Scenarios Game:

- **Digital:** In this game there are no wrong answers. At the end, learners can print their own Tzedakah Superstar certificate, or a class one.
- **On Paper:** Use each page as a discussion prompt in chavruta or small groups.
- **Move and Shake:** Invite learners to act out the scenarios. They might come up with even more ways to help!

Go and Learn

Below are ideas for activities to extend the learning and provide opportunities for additional enrichment.



From the bookshelf:

[Click here](#) for a list of thematic books.

Wisdom of the Crowds:

Listen to the “Wisdom of the Crowds” section of the podcast about what cause you would want to support with \$1M. Then, create your own! Learners can share their individual answers, as well as record their families, teachers, and community.

How: [Flipgrid](#) is an easy way for learners to record themselves in the classroom or at home. [Padlet](#) also allows audio recording.

Tzedakah Superstar Campaign:

Create a class Tzedakah project! Tzedakah doesn't have to mean donating money. Learners can consider what their community needs and explore together how they can support that need. They can raise money, volunteer, start a coat or toy drive- be creative!

Share it out: To share your learner's Tzedakah Superstar Campaign, email hebrewschool@tabletmag.com and you might be featured on a future episode of Hebrew School!

Looking for more Tzedakah ideas? Check out [The Jewish Educator Portal](#). If you create additional materials, share your materials with other educators by becoming an Educator Contributor. Contact us at educator@jewishedproject.org for more information. Email hebrewschool@tabletmag.com with any questions or ideas.