Tzedakah (צְדָקָה) Takeaway

🌎 Start a tradition of giving *tzedakah* each week just before Shabbat.

🌎 After you have filled your *tzedakah* box, have each person in your family make a presentation on where they think the money should go. Then take a vote and send/deliver to that organiztion.

🌎 Create your own *tzedakah* box. You can either buy a wooden one to paint, or construct your own out of cardboard or a recycled canister and then decorate it. Create one for each room in your house.

🌎 Participate in or spearhead a project for Adath Israel's Mitzvah Day (January 28, 2018).

🌎 Buy one extra food item at the grocery store each time you go and donate it to a local food pantry.

🌎 Create a *tzedakah* contract. Each person should choose how they wish to give *tzedakah*, when to give it, and to whom. Include provisions for changing or updating the contract as necessary.

🌎 Volunteer time at Jewish Family Services (JFS), Cedar Village, or working in the Adath Israel garden, where the produce goes to the Freestore Foodbank.

🌎 Celebrate Havdalah with your family/friends. After singing "Shavua tov" (a good week, a week of peace) ask and answer this question: How can we live our lives differently this week by including acts of *tzedakah*?

🌎 We are instructed to give 1/10th of our income to those in need. Illustrate this by gathering 10 objects (sticks, leaves, beads, pennies, etc.) and then setting 1 aside. Does this seem like a lot? Repeat with 50 objects (setting 5 aside), and then 100 objects (setting 10 aside).

🌎 If you get an allowance, set aside 10% of your allowance each week for *tzedakah*.

🌎 Design a bumper sticker that illustrates the importance of giving *tzedakah*.

🌎 Plant your own garden and donate 10% of your produce to a food bank.

🌎 Videos on YouTube:
   - Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Tzedakah Defined
   - Shalom Sesame: Helping those in Need
   - Get With the Giving - Gabi and Rafi Talk About Tzedakah | Shaboom!
   - What Is Jewish About Giving? An Intro to Tzedakah for Parents