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Yom Kippur—Make Your Own Tzedakah Box

Give back these holidays by creating your own charity box.

The Jewish New Year is a time to think about how to make the world a better place.

People often send money, food or gifts to those in need—and sometimes use a tzedakah box to collect money to donate to charity.

In the Bible, tzedakah means 'righteous behaviour' and is often paired with 'justice.' In Jewish thought and tradition, support for those in need is not a matter of 'charity'—a term that implies generosity beyond what may be expected - but a requirement.

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Charity Box, 1918, Palestine.

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You will need:

- Empty tissue box;
- Coloured paints, pencils, crayons or textas;
- Glue stick; and
- Scissors.
- Optional: coloured and patterned papers, ribbons, buttons or other decorations.

To create:

1. Discuss what kind of charity you might like to support. Is there a cause you're particularly passionate about?
2. Print out these pages.
3. Paint your tissue box or cover it with coloured or patterned papers.
4. Use your pencils, crayons or textas to colour in your Tzedakah Box illustrations—make them as bright and eye-catching as you can to draw attention to your chosen charity.
5. Cut these out and stick them to your Tzedakah Box, making sure the word 'tzedakah' or 'צדקה' is placed at the front where people will see it.
6. Add whatever extra decorations you have to your Tzedakah Box—you might have some stickers that reflect your cause, such as animals.
7. Ask your family and friends to contribute to your Tzedakah Box and support your chosen charity.

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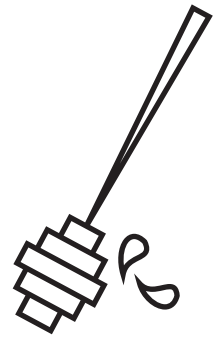
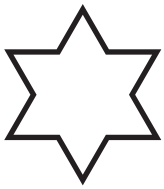

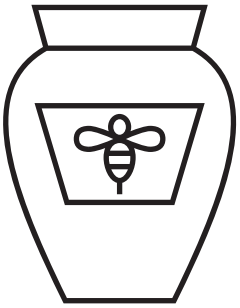
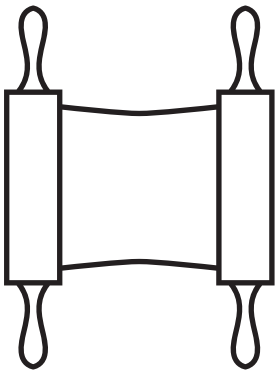
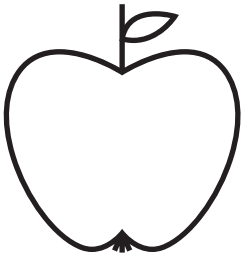
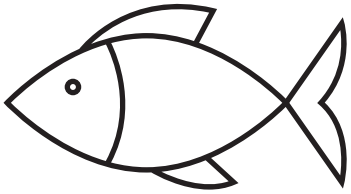

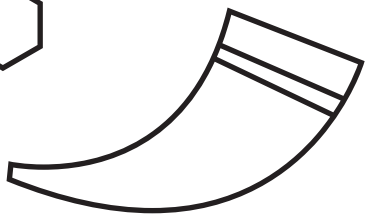
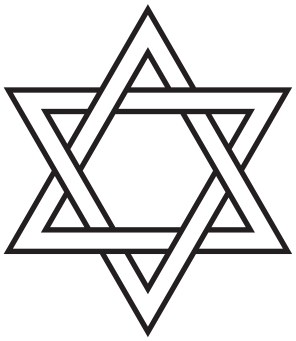
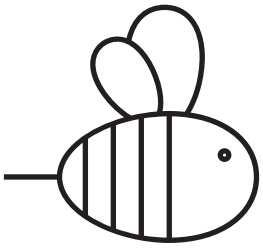
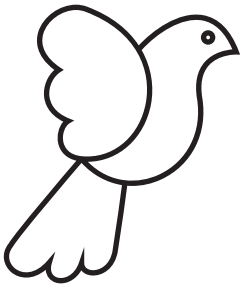
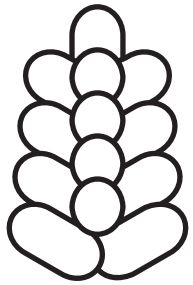
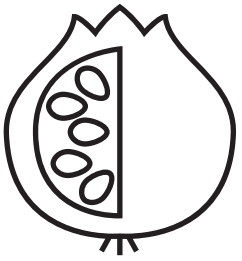
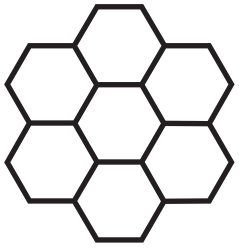

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