Tzedek Box Family Craft Project
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Supplies
- A box to decorate such as: a tissue box, shoe box, cereal box, mason jar, plastic food container, or small shipping box
- Colorful craft materials such as: paper napkins, shopping bags, junk mail, old clothing or scrap fabric, colored construction paper, wrapping paper, clean wrappers or boxes from food, newspapers, or magazines
- Scissors
- Tape or glue
- Sharpies or markers
- Base for a sign such as: poster board, construction paper, or part of a cardboard box

Words to remember
Tzedakah - giving money to help people
Tzedek - justice, working to make the world fair for everyone
Contrast - when two colors look very different from each other (light and dark, dull and bright)

Directions

To Make Your Tzedek Box
- Use your scissors to cut up your colorful craft materials (pictures from magazines, newspaper cuttings, etc) into shapes and designs you like. Watch the video for more ideas from Eli.
- Attach your cut-up materials onto the box you’ve chosen to decorate so that it looks beautiful and inspiring to you.
- Add to the beauty of your box by using your markers to draw pictures on the box that you like.

To Make Your Sign
- Use your markers to write a statement on the base for your sign. Eli wrote “All Families Welcome Here” because it is a statement he feels will make the world a better place. What can you write on your sign that will better the world around you?
- Decorate your sign with your colorful craft materials and drawings.
- Put it in your window!
Record What You Did

- On a piece of paper, write or draw a diary entry describing your act of tzedek. See the next page for one idea of what to write down -- and a blessing you can say. Print a few copies, cut them in half, and be ready for the next time you act in pursuit of tzedek.
- Put your slip of paper in your box.
- Keep your box in a place that will inspire and remind you to perform more tzedek.

What’s Next?
Register your Tzedek Box to get a special serial number to put on your box and be part of our worldwide family of Tzedek Boxers: www.tzedekbox.org/register. Then, keep filling your box. Join us on May 15 online to be part of our nationwide event to open our boxes.

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As you put the slip in your box, you are invited to say this blessing, invoking G-d's partnership in the work of justice: *Baruch atah Hashem, Eloheinu melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lirdof tzedek.*

We praise You, Eternal One, Sovereign of the universe, who calls us to holiness through mitzvot, commanding us to pursue tzedek/justice.

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