



HaTzedakah -

Blessing for giving Tzedakah

נותן לָרֵשׁ אֵין בְּחָסוֹר וּבְמַעֲלִים עֵינָיו רַב־מְאֹרוֹת:

Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse. - Proverbs 28:27

On *erev Shabbat* it is customary to put aside some additional money for the purpose of *tikkun olam*, or the “repair of the world.” This is not “charity,” however, in the sense of mere money, but reflects an attitude to effect righteousness within the world. The Hebrew blessing itself is quite simple:



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר

a-sher ha-'o-lam me-lekh e-lo-hei-nu Adonai at-tah ba-ruk
who King of the universe our God LORD You Blessed



קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל הַצְּדָקָה.

ha-tse-da-kah al ve-tsi-va-nu be-mits-votav kid-de-sha-nu
the tzedakah about and commanded with his mitzvot sanctifies us
us

Barukh attah Adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kideshanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu al ha-tzedakah.

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who hast sanctified us with thy commandments, and commanded us about the Tzedakah.