



Giving Tzedakah -

Remembering the less fortunate on Shabbat



כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה

Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh.

“All Israel is responsible for one another.”
(Talmud Shavuot 39a).

It is customary to give *tzedakah* (charity) by putting a few coins in a Tzedakah box before lighting the Shabbat candles. This money is for the purpose of *tikkun olam*, or the “repair of the world.” Many families place the Tzedakah box next to the Shabbat candle holders to remind them to perform this mitzvah. Encourage even the youngest of your children to contribute a coin or two for the betterment of the world!

When money is put into the Tzedakah box, the following blessing is customarily recited:

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר

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



קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו על הצדקה.

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.*