



Tzedek Box

# Tzedek Box Family Craft Project with Eli Kaplan Wildemann of Create Unbound

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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](http://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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