Modern tzedakah heroes: Harold Grinspoon & Diane Troderman, Bono, Bill & Melinda Gates, Danny Siegel; for more - www.dannysiegel.com/2011pilgrimageresources.pdf

Maimonides' ladder - eight steps of tzedakah. pjfor.me/tzedakah-ladder

Tzedakah mitzvot -Torah: Tithing / giving 1/10 of harvest (Num. 18:21-24) *Peah, leket, shechicha* / leaving corners, dropped, and forgotten harvest for the needy (Lev. 19:9-10)

Tzedakah
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Hanukkah gelt, (began as a way to honor teachers); tzedakah boxes, look for your synagogue's tzedakah box (custom from the First Temple)

Tzaddik-righteous person; legend of the *Lamed Vavniks* - 36 living, unknown righteous people for whose sake the world continues to exist.

Brachot: Shabbat, Hanukkah, foods we eat

Hanukkah Cookies with Sprinkles
By Charlotte Herman
Illustrated by Kathryn Mitter
Albert Whitman

Hebrew vocab: *Tzedek, rechem,* apples, cookies, meals, stranger, synagogue

Food bank, soup kitchens; farm gleaning projects

The Talmud teaches non-humiliation: "Whoever shames his neighbor in public, is as if he shed blood" (Baba Metzia 58b).

Compassion
רַחֲמִים
Rachamim

Safety in giving, and communicating (or not) to strangers

Compassion is the first of the 13 attributes of God we strive to emulate (Exodus 34:6-7)

Compassion in the Torah: Noah and the animals, Rebecca waters camels at the well (Gen. 24:17), Midrash of Moses and the tired lamb (Exodus Rabbah 2:2)

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