



The Meaning of the Word “Tzedakah”

“Tzedakah” is the Hebrew word for the acts that we call “charity” in English: giving aid, assistance and money to the poor and needy or to other worthy causes. However, the nature of tzedakah is very different from the idea of charity. The word “charity” suggests benevolence and generosity, a magnanimous act by the wealthy and powerful for the benefit of the poor and needy. The word “tzedakah” is derived from the Hebrew root *Tzadei-Dalet-sQof*, meaning righteousness, justice or fairness. In Judaism, giving to the poor is not viewed as a generous, magnanimous act; it is simply an act of justice and righteousness, the performance of a duty, giving the poor their due.

Temple Beth El JCC

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Shabbat Service 7:30pm Shofar Deadline	2 Minyan 10am
3 Gay Pride Parade Downtown Santa Cruz 11am (Meet at 10am at Cathcart & Pacific) Brotherhood Meeting 10am	4	5 Weekday Minyan 7:45am Exec Committee Mtg 7pm (out) Meditation Circle 7:30pm	6	7 Community Torah Study w/ Rabbi Paula Marcus 12 noon	8 Pride Shabbat Service & Board Installation 7:30pm	9 Minyan 10am Gabriella Fitz Bat Mitzvah 10:15am
10 Kids Music Concert & Carnival (Simcha Preschool Fundraiser) 10:30am–1pm OIOF Anti-Bias Education Workshop: Parent Education 2pm	11 TBE Theater Workshop & Stage Group 1:30pm	12 Weekday Minyan 7:45am Meditation Circle 7:30pm	13 B'nai Mitzvah Class 9am & 7pm	14 Community Torah Study w/ Rabbi Paula Marcus 12 noon Yiddish Circle 2pm	15 Shabbat Service 7:30pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Congregational Retreat at Asilomar</div>	16 Minyan 10am
17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Congregational Retreat at Asilomar</div> Father's Day	18 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 7:30pm	19 Weekday Minyan 7:45am General Board Mtg 7:30pm Meditation Circle 7:30pm	20 B'nai Mitzvah Class 9am & 7pm	21 Community Torah Study w/ Rabbi Paula Marcus 12 noon	22 Senior Send-Off Dinner 6:15pm Senior Send-Off Shabbat 7:30pm	23 Minyan 10am Ariel Polakoff Bat Mitzvah 10:15am
24	25 Senior Connections: The UCSC Library Judaica Collection, w/ film <i>Number Our Days</i> 1:30–4pm	26 Weekday Minyan 7:45am Meditation Circle 7:30pm	27 B'nai Mitzvah Class 9am & 7pm	28 Community Torah Study w/ Rabbi Paula Marcus 12 noon Yiddish Circle 2pm	29 Simcha Preschool End-of-the-Year Party 6:15pm Simcha Preschool Shabbat Service 7pm Shabbat Service 7:30pm	30 Minyan 10am Anya Shulman Bat Mitzvah 10:15am