

Jewish Texts Related to Tzedakah

Name: _____ Date: _____

Part One:

Read the following texts with your partner. Then, answer the questions.

1. *For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, saying: 'You shall surely open your hand to your brother, your poor, and to your destitute in your land.'*
Deuteronomy 15:11

*Destitute means REALLY poor!

2. *Justice, justice you shall pursue.*
Deuteronomy 16:20

*The Hebrew word for justice is *tzedek*. It looks and sounds very similar to the Hebrew word *tzedakah* so we know justice and charity are closely connected.

3. *Tzedakah saves from death.*
Mishlei 10:2

4. *The more tzedakah, the more peace.*
Pirkei Avot 2:8

Part Two:

After reading the texts with your partner, answer the following questions.

1. What is *tzedakah*?
2. According to these texts, is *tzedakah* important?
3. Why do you think so?
4. List five things you would give to someone who is destitute.

