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Agents of Change



One of the core values at the Skirball Cultural Center is **pursue justice**, or in Hebrew, *tzedakah* (pronounced “suh-dah-kah”). The idea of *tzedakah* is often associated with small boxes like the ones pictured here. Jewish people traditionally use *tzedakah* boxes to collect loose change on the sabbath and other occasions to donate to people in need. But *tzedakah* is a much more wide-reaching term, emphasizing the importance of caring for others.

To learn more about some of these *tzedakah* boxes, see the primary sources in the [“Welcome to the Skirball”](#) introduction.



What does justice mean to you? At the Skirball, it means fairness, respect, and caring for one another and the earth. People of all ages can use their strengths, compassion, and everyday actions to build a more just world.

Use the following prompts to reflect on ways you can continue to be an agent of change.

1. Things I am good at:
2. Things I like to do:
3. My community needs:
4. Ways I can use my strengths to help my community:
5. Resources (such as books, websites, organizations, or people) that can support me in taking action:

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Create an action plan with your class.

Here are the steps we will take to make positive change together:

1.

2.

3.

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Self-Reflection

Reflect on your experience with the activity you completed and share what you learned about yourself, your values, your traditions, or your community.

Three things I learned about myself:

One thing I am curious to learn more about:

My greatest challenge with this activity was:

After completing the activity, I am most proud of:

A lasting impact I hope to have on my community is: