

CHARITY/TZEDAKA: WHAT TO GIVE

Buying Seforim To Pay Charity/Tzedaka

You may use tzedaka (*ma'aser*) money to buy *seforim*. Because the books then become public property, you must write in the books that they are *ma'aser* and anyone may use them. You may only do this if other people who are not in your family will also use them.

NOTE You may only use tzedaka (*ma'aser*) money to buy *seforim* that are not commonly found in Jewish homes; you may not use this money to buy a siddur, chumash, or Talmud.

Jewish Education Tuition as Charity

Parents may consider as charity any money they spend on the Jewish education of children age 16 and up. If a child goes to a college and takes secular and Jewish classes, the parent may count any tuition for the Jewish classes as charity.