



## TEACHING RESOURCES

### WORKSHEETS

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Instructions: Ask students to choose the one or two statements that best suit them individually. Ask why those are the ones that resonate with them (Note: there are no right or wrong answers). Did any not fit? Are there similarities and/or differences between ancient and more contemporary quotes? Does the message of generosity change over time? If yes, how so?

## Check the statement that best suits you.

- “Even a poor person who is supported through tzedakah must give tzedakah.” – Babylonian Talmud, Gittin 7b*
- “Tzedakah is as important as all the other commandments put together.” – Talmud Baba Batra, 9a*
- “You are not required to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it.” – Mishnah, Pirkei Avot, 2:21*
- “Every person is obligated to give tzedakah according to his means, even the poor man who himself is supported by public tzedakah must himself give tzedakah. Let him give of what he receives and even if he can give *davar muat*, a small thing, he should not hold back. For his little is considered as important as tzedakah from a wealthy man.” – Shulchan Aruch 34:2*
- “Give now. The need is now.” – Max M. Fisher*
- “Our willingness to share liberally of what we have with those less fortunate is essential to securing the common good and protecting the human dignity of every person.” – Dorff, E. and Newman, L. (Eds.) (2008). *Jewish Choices, Jewish Voices: Money*. p.122*
- “Give of yourself, give as much as you can! And you can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness!” – Anne Frank (1944). “Give!” Tales from the Annex*
- “How wonderful it is that no one has to wait, but can start right now to gradually change the world! How wonderful it is that everyone, great and small, can immediately help bring about justice by giving of themselves!” – Anne Frank (1944). “Give!” Tales from the Annex*

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