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.

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