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Love My Neighbour is the national movement for global vaccine equity inspired by Millennium Kids and diverse faith communities across the nation to increase the number of COVID-19 vaccines distributed quickly and equitably in low- and middle-income countries around the world, giving our whole global family access to life-saving prevention measures, through fundraising and advocacy.

To date Love My Neighbour (LMN), has raised over \$750,000 with the support of individuals and organizations across Canada.

This guide focuses on a few resources that can help foster conversations in K-5 classrooms in Jewish Day Schools, supplementary schools, or summer camps and inspire students to take action.

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### Essential Question:

What are the most important reasons that we should support our global neighbours to receive COVID-19 vaccines?

### Core texts:

**Love your fellow as yourself**

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*Leviticus 19:18*

**He used to say: If I am not for myself, who is for me?  
But if I am for my own self [only], what am I?  
And if not now, when?**

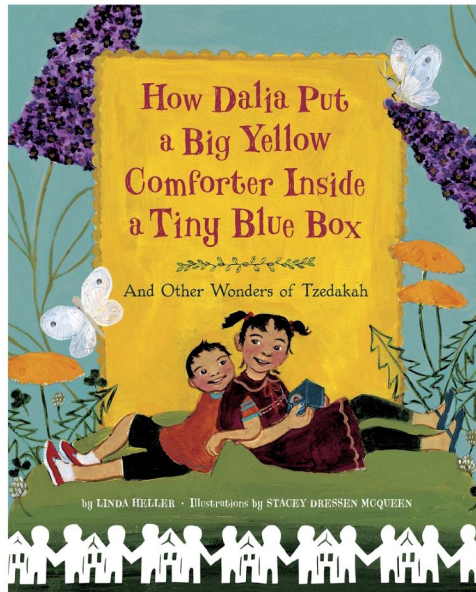
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*Pirkei Avot 1:14*

**Rabbi Tarfon says...It is not upon you to finish the work,  
but neither are you free to desist from it.**

משנה טז [טו] רבי טרפון אומר לא עליך המלאכה לגמור  
ולא אתה בן חורין ליבטל ממנה

*Mishna, Pirkei Avot 2:16*



Heller, L., & Dressen-McQueen, S. (2011). How Dalia put a big yellow comforter inside a tiny blue box and other wonders of tzedakah. Berkeley: Tricycle Press.

Dalia teaches her little brother Yossi about the wonders of Tzedakah. Yossi is curious about what is inside Dalia's special Tzedakah box, and by engaging Yossi in helping a neighbour, Dalia show Yossi that Tzedakah means more than collecting coins.

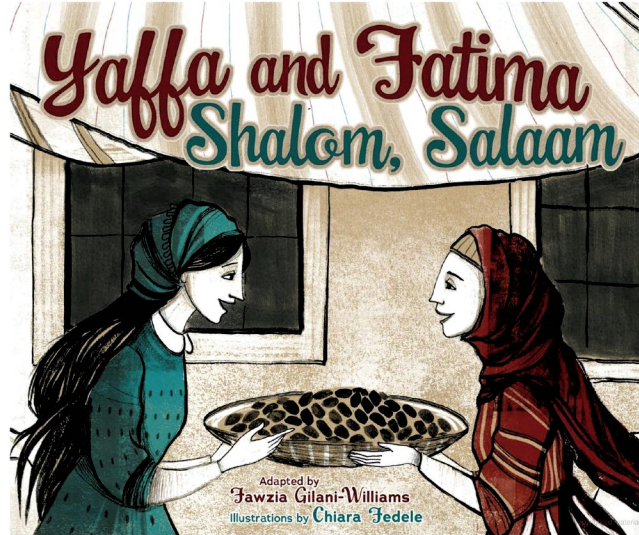
Guiding Questions:

1. What gift was the most helpful to Mrs. Ross?
2. Dalia creatively explained Tzedakah in many ways. How would you describe Tzedakah?
3. COVID-19 has been very tough for older people like Mrs. Ross. What are the most effective ways that we could use Tzedakah to ensure that all people have access to vaccines?

**Love your fellow as yourself**

ואהבת לרעך כמוך  
*Leviticus 19:18*

Is Tzedakah more an act of love or an act of fairness?



Gilani-Williams, F., & Fedele, C. (2017). Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom, salaam.

Yaffa and Fatima are neighbours who care very much for each other. In some ways Yaffa and Fatima are very similar, and in some ways they are very different. When their orchard fails to produce a bountiful date harvest, Yaffa and Fatima think of ways to support each other.

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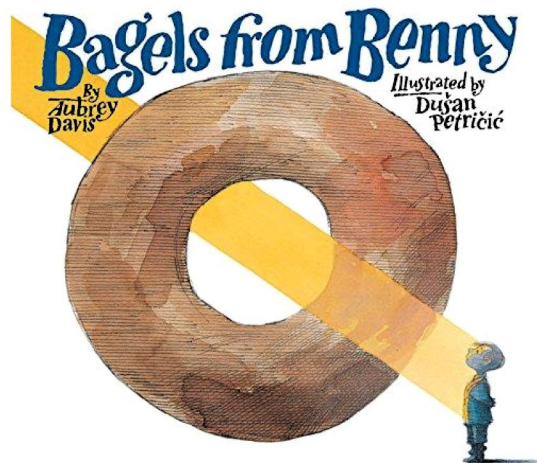
1. Have you ever felt worried that someone you know doesn't have what they need to feel well?
2. Describe a time when you made a plan to help someone you know.
3. When we think about ourselves as a global community, we can imagine neighbours who live far away. What are our responsibilities to those global neighbours? What is the need they are experiencing?

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*Pirkei Avot 1:14*

*Whose responsibility is it to ensure that all people have access to vaccines?  
 Why is it important for us to take action to help others today?*



Davis, A., & Petricic, D. (2003). *Bagels from Benny*. New York: Kids Can Press.

Benny often helps out at his grandfather's bagel store. The customers always remember to thank grandpa for making the delicious bagels. When he stops to think about G-d's role in providing sustenance, Benny hatches a plan to show his gratitude. Things don't go exactly as planned and Benny learns about the importance of helping others.

Guiding Questions:

1. During the pandemic many people showed gratitude to health care workers, essential service workers, and other front-line staff who helped make sure that everyone had what they needed to be well. What do you think the best way to show your thanks would be?
2. Benny's grandfather says that helping others is the best form of gratitude that G-d could get. Do you agree?
3. What are the 3 best ways that Jewish people in Canada could show gratitude for our access to COVID-19 vaccinations?

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*When we are faced with a really big problem, what are the things that can help us stay persistent and not give up?*