



Passover Traditions:

Tzedakah

Tzedakah is a Hebrew word meaning charity and generosity. The practice of giving to charity is an important part of many Jewish holiday celebrations, including Passover. Before the holiday celebration, children and adults alike place coins into the tzedakah box. Once the holiday has passed, the money collected is given to charities or to individuals in need. Some think of giving tzedakah not just as a way of helping others, but also as a spiritual practice that can help those who choose to do be it more generous and giving in their everyday lives.

Word scramble!

Unscramble the letters to form the word that completes the sentence.

1. The word **tzedakah** comes from a language called _____, another name for Ancient Hebrew. AMACARI
2. The root word of **tzedakah** is "tzedek," which can mean either righteousness or _____. The ancient Hebrews considered charitable giving an important part of the righteous person's religious practice. EUSJCTI
3. It is also a mitzvah, or _____, for a person in need to accept **tzedakah** when it is offered. MENTMACONDM

What was the last charitable thing you did? What made you decide to do it?