

Shalom partners for change!

36 Ways to Change the World: A Tzedakah Box, a Booklet and the possibilities for change.

I am pleased to invite you to make a difference, to participate in Tikkun Olam, Repair of the world, as Jewish Mysticism, Kabbalah, calls it.

The inner world of our spirit and the outer world where we tread life's path contain sparks for creativity and growth, healing and goodness. Here is a chance to capture the sparks and ignite our souls for goodness.

We are blessed to be human because we are able to discern that change is possible; we can wonder about a better life and we can make it happen.

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The tzedakah box for each family creates a daily opportunity to leave a coin as you leave the house as a reminder that life outside our front door needs our attention. At the end of the year all the tzedakah will be collected at the temple and allocated to good causes by a Tzedakah Caring Committee.

The booklet for each family creates a plan for revisioning our world and ourselves through acts of kindness, transforming compassion and spiritual renewal.

One of the many sources of pride at KI is the importance our congregation has placed on the ethical mandate within Judaism to leave the world better than when we arrived in it. The purpose of Judaism is not to make the world Jewish, but, rather, as has always been a hallmark of KI's history...to bring goodness to all humanity. "36 Ways to Change the World" continues the great KI tradition of activism, humanism and altruism.

Every transforming movement has leaders who turn dreams into passionate actions. Don and Judy Belmont are the heart and soul, which has made 36 Ways come to be. Their tireless work made this all possible along with the generosity of others and the support of our Social Action Committee.

"Mitzvah goreret mitzvah," says Jewish tradition, "One good deed leads to another good deed, and another...and another...and another...and before you know it...a difference has actually been made.

Thank you for making a difference.

Rabbi Rob Lennick

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