



New Year Giving Guide

Jewish tradition inspires us not only to give, but to do so with kavanah or intention. Are we bringing enough kavanah to our giving practice? When we take the time for reflection, we can feel more confident that our gifts are working to create the world we truly want to see.

We've created this guide as a starting point to help you reflect on how you gave this year and to set intentions for how you'd like to give in the year to come. If any part of this worksheet doesn't work for you, feel free to try something else.

This Year's Reflection:

Using the chart below, list 3-5 organizations or causes to which you gave to this year. Check whether that gift was planned or spontaneous and whether it was a one-time or recurring donation. If you gave more than 5 gifts, select the 5 that were the most meaningful to you.

Organization or Cause	Planned	Spontaneous	One-time	Recurring
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Which gift was most meaningful and why?

Giving is often more meaningful when inspired by Jewish values. Below are some values to get you started. Circle the ones that are reflected in your giving and include additional values. Then, describe how these values show up in your gifts from this past year.

- Justice - Tzedek
- Hope - Tikvah
- Repair the world - Tikkun olam
- Loving kindness - Chesed
- Preservation - Shmirah
- Love the stranger - Ahavat ger
- Human dignity - Kavod
- Responsibility - Areyvut
- Save life - Pikuach nefesh
- Service - Avodah
- Peace - Shalom
- Other: _____

Next Year's Visioning

Now that you've reflected on how you gave this year, you're ready to think about how you'd like to give next year! You don't have to come up with your whole plan right now; this is simply an invitation for you to start thinking about it.

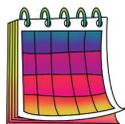
Check off one or more ways you'd like to make your giving better to reflect your values. Feel free to add your own, too!

- I'd like to give more money
- I'd like to give larger donations to fewer organizations
- I'd like to give smaller donations to more organizations
- I'd like to make a ritual of giving weekly, monthly, or quarterly
- I'd like to put money away each month for a big year-end gift
- I'd like to learn more about an organization or project before I give
- I'd like to give more money within my local community
- I'd like to make my giving more community-oriented and collaborative, through a giving circle or pop-up giving circle
- Other: _____

How much money do you want to budget for giving next year? Is it more or less than the amount you gave this year? You could think about your giving budget as a percentage of your income. Could you give 10%? 5%? You don't have to commit to a number now, but it's good to start thinking about this proactively!

Keeping your values in mind, what are some causes to which you want to direct your donations? Are these causes different from or the same as the ones to which you gave this year?

Given this reflection activity, what's one thing you'd like to change about your giving in the year to come?



Have questions regarding your giving next year?
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