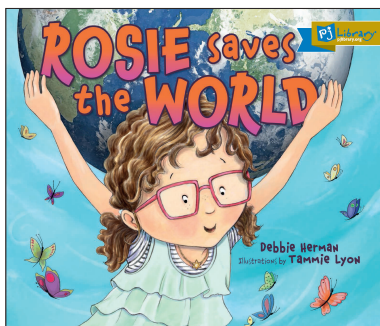


ROSIE SAVES THE WORLD

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Rosie is gung-ho to perform good deeds for everyone in her neighborhood. She wants to save the world! But what about the things her family needs her to do? She's about to learn that tikkun olam, saving the world, starts in one's very own home.

JEWISH CONCEPTS

We're All in It Together

Tikkun olam, repairing the world, is a pretty big job – but hey, somebody's got to do it. Just because the job's a big one won't stop Rosie from tackling it. She may not know it, but ancient Jewish sages took the same attitude as Rosie. Rabbi Tarfon, a first-century CE contributor to the *Mishnah* (collection of Jewish oral literature), famously said, "It is not your responsibility to finish the work [of perfecting the world], but nor are you free to desist from it" (*Pirkei Avot* 2:22).

A Home-grown Superhero

Rosie wants to save the world – but who's going to help carry groceries and change the litter box? Turns out she can be a superhero right at home. The Jewish value of *areyvut*, mutual responsibility, starts with the family and grows from there. It's an ancient way of saying "think global, act local."

Leading by Example

Rosie may be a kid, but she can make a big difference. What would happen if the other kids in her community decided to follow her lead? The Hebrew phrase *mitzvah goreret mitzvah* means that one good deed inspires another. We can model the actions we want to see in the world. When Rosie tries to make the world a better place, she sets a good example for others – and that helps make the world a little better all by itself.

USING THIS BOOK AT HOME

Tikkun olam and *areyvut* are big concepts for both adults and children. Ask yourself some questions:

- Sometimes we think *tikkun olam* refers to large topics, like world peace, but little things make a difference, too. What small things do you do to make the world a better place?
- What is one new idea you have for making your home or community better?
- Do you feel it's your job to help your family? How does that feel different from helping friends and classmates?

Make a Monthly Mitzvah Chart

Supplies:

Blank calendar page
Glass picture frame or refrigerator magnet
Dry-erase marker

Print out a blank calendar page. Fill it out with the good stuff you plan to do each week. (Need mitzvah ideas? Check out some of the things Rosie does!) Put the calendar page into the picture frame or attach it to your refrigerator. Use the dry-erase marker to check off mitzvot as you do them. *Kol hakavod* – well done!