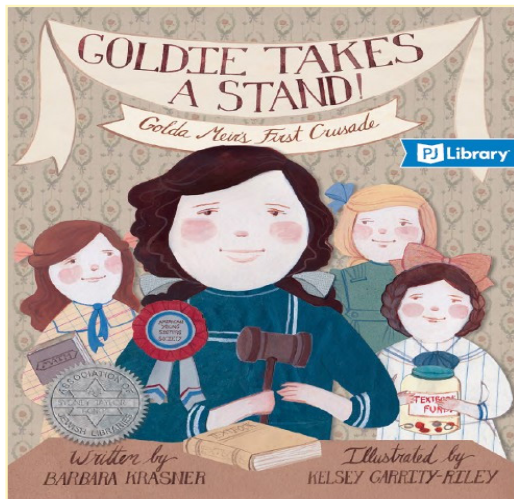


# Goldie Takes a Stand

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{ When do you take a stand? }

## Such Chutzpah!

Goldie is smart, confident, and full of chutzpah, a Hebrew word that is loosely translated as “audacity.” Goldie’s audacity is on full display behind the counter at her mother’s grocery store: she makes the sudden decision to raise prices in order to raise money for her cause. In the Jewish worldview, tzedakah (literally “justice,” but often translated as the act of charitable giving) is an obligation, not a choice. Goldie’s heart is in the right place, but her fundraising tactics are . . . well, audacious! Still, you’ve got to give her credit for chutzpah – a quality that would come in handy as she grew into one of the most famous world leaders. To learn more, visit [pjlibrary.org/goldietakesastand](http://pjlibrary.org/goldietakesastand).

## HANDS ON!

### Fundraise for Your Favorite Cause

Do you have a cause you care about? Would you like to help raise funds for it? Do as Goldie does and get your friends to help:

Organize a yard sale. Go through your house and pull together useful items that you no longer want or need. Ask your friends and neighbors to do the same, then set up tables in your yard to sell all those items together. Let people know you’re raising money for a cause – they might want to donate a little extra to help out.

Sell your wares. Are you an expert friendship-bracelet weaver? Does your best friend finger-knit beautiful scarves? Put ‘em up for sale!

Hold a bake sale. This is similar to a yard sale, except instead of gathering old items to sell, you’re selling homemade cookies, cakes, or other goodies. Ask friends and family to bake their favorite treats, too. Make sure to list the ingredients so people with allergies know what’s safe to eat.

Host a pizza night. Make homemade pizza. Have a party and sell the pizza by the slice. (You could even ask your favorite pizzeria if they would be willing to donate some pizzas to your fundraiser.)

There are tons of creative ways to help raise money for a cause you care about. Kol hakavod – good job!

## Climbing the Ladder of Tzedakah

Back in the Middle Ages, the Jewish philosopher Moses Maimonides came up with a ranking system for charitable giving. He called this the “Ladder of Tzedakah,” and the highest rung on that ladder is enabling others to be self-sufficient. Even as a child, Goldie understands that a good education empowers people to take care of themselves and others. So when Goldie and the other members of the American Young Sisters Society raise money to buy textbooks for children who can’t afford them and to help teach English to new immigrants, they are climbing to the top of a very important ladder.

## . . . and the Ladder of Politics

The real-life Goldie became known as Golda Meir, one of the most famous political figures in Israeli history. Meir emigrated to Israel as a young woman, and she soon put her chutzpah to good use in government. As Labor Minister in the 1950s, Meir helped provide work and housing for waves of new immigrants to Israel. As Foreign Minister in the late 1950s and early 1960s, she forged relations with countries around the globe and provided agricultural and trade assistance to emerging African nations. And in 1969, Meir assumed the most powerful role, becoming Israel’s fourth prime minister.

## TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR KIDS

**IN** this story, Goldie speaks to a big crowd to help fundraise. How do you think she felt? How would you feel?

**WHY** do you think Goldie wants to help her classmates? Are there people in your school or community who don’t have everything they need? What could you do to help?

**GOLDIE** and her sister are willing to give up their favorite candy to help their friends. What would you be willing to give up to help someone else?