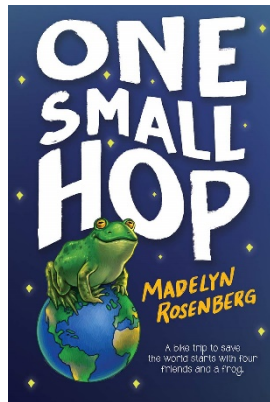
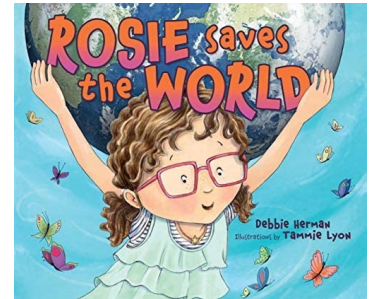


# ACHRAYUT RESOURCES

*Achrayut*, or “responsibility,” refers to our responsibility to act on behalf of the world and the environment, helping to make things better – at home, in the community and for the world. The Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library has a wide variety of titles available for all ages on the subject. Additional suggestions for environmental titles can be found on our One-Sheet for Tu b’Shevat. Check out the full collection of related resources [here](#).

## Picture Books for Younger Readers

Debbie Herman’s *Rosie Saves the World* is a great picture book to start the conversation about various levels of responsibility – home and family, community and the world. *26 Big Things Small Hands Can Do*, by Coleen Paratore, uses the alphabet to help young readers think of ways to help. *What Zeesie Saw on Delancey Street*, by Elsa Rael, and Sarah Lynn Scheerger’s *Mitzvah Pizza* are both beautiful stories of responsibility to the community. Barbara Krasner’s picture book biography of Golda Meir, *Goldie Takes a Stand: Golda Meir’s First Crusade*, and Nancy Churnin’s *A Queen to the Rescue: The Story of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah*, are both excellent introductions to community activism. *Each Living Thing*, by Joanne Ryder, and *Pond*, by Jim LaMarche, and Bob Graham’s *How to Heal a Broken Wing*, are all beautiful books that encourage children to respect and protect the environment.



## Chapter Books for Older Children and Teens

For middle-grade readers, Danny Siegel’s two books, *Mitzvah Magic* and *Tell Me a Mitzvah: Little and Big Ways to Repair the World*, are both good sources of project ideas. Liz Suneby’s *The Mitzvah Project Book: Making Mitzvah Part of Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Your Life*, is a similar title for older students, as is Jeffrey K. Salkin’s *For Kids – Putting God on Your Guest List*. Madelyn Rosenberg’s *One Small Hop*, a humorous novel set in the not-too-distant future, celebrates the impact small changes can make on our environment, when the main characters discover a live bullfrog in their town. *The Renegade Reporters*, by Elissa Weissman, and *Linked*, by Gordon Korman, tackle the issue in different ways. The latter addresses the responsibility inherent in the world of journalism, but in a fun way for middle-grade readers. Korman’s novel for teens is a mystery involving anti-Semitism. By way of inspiration, we have two biographies of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, an excellent example of social activism. For teens, Or N. Rose’s *Abraham Joshua Heschel: Man of Spirit, Man of Action*, is an introduction to his work. *As Good as Anybody: Martin Luther King and Abraham Joshua Heschel’s Amazing March Toward Freedom*, by Richard Michelson, is a Sydney Taylor Award-winning picture book for lower and middle-grade readers.

## For Adults

In our adult collection, *Judaism and Justice: The Jewish Passion to Repair the World*, by Rabbi Sidney Schwarz, is a call to action for American Jews. *Jews, Money and Social Responsibility*, by Lawrence Bush and Jeffrey Dekro, focuses on socially responsible shopping and investing. Seth Limmer’s *Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority: Our Jewish Obligation to Social Justice*, is a collection of essays exploring a Jew’s responsibility to bring justice to the world. For additional inspiration, you might consider Michael Lerner’s anthology, *Tikkun... to Heal, Repair and Transform the World*. Several environmentally relevant titles are available as well, including *Simple Actions for Jews to Help Green the Planet: Jews, Judaism and the Environment*, by Rabbi Dov Elkins, and *Low Carbon Diet: A 30-Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds – Be Part of the Global Warming Solution!*, by David Gershon.

