

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROJECTS:

Thank you for participating in our service project kit initiative! The kids oral hygiene kits provide recipients with items needed to feel confident and healthy on the inside and outside. This exemplifies the Jewish value of compassion, which in Hebrew is *chemla*. Members of our greater community experience oral hygiene poverty and by making these kits, you are able to show compassion and make them feel cared for.

DID YOU KNOW?

Facts About Oral Hygiene Poverty:

- Numerous school hours are lost due to acute/unplanned dental care and socioeconomic disparities exist in those lost hours. (*Oral Health Policies and Recommendations*)
- Children aged 1-17 years living in families with lower incomes (below 400% of the federal poverty level) are less likely to have had an annual dental exam or cleaning. (*Oral Health Policies and Recommendations*)

A JEWISH LENS:

The *Tanakh*, or Bible, contains a variety of books, including the Book of Prophets. Zechariah's teachings are just one chapter within this book. Particularly, Zechariah speaks about compassion for others as a means to redemption.

Thus said G-d: Execute true justice; deal loyally and compassionately with one another. -Zechariah 7:9

By putting together these kits, we are expressing the Jewish value of Compassion into action by recognizing the needs of others, both physical and emotional.

CONSIDER THIS:

- What does it mean to see yourself in another person?
- How do you want others to see you?
- In what ways can you show loyalty and compassion to others?