

Stream Clean KC

Day of Tikun Olam

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Here are some ideas to supplement your family day of beautifying our Earth and the Kansas City community.

Tikun Olam is translated as repairing the world. It is the Jewish concept that it is our responsibility to partner with G-d to improve the world.

Blessings:

[A blessing for it being the first time doing a stream or park clean as a family:](#)

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

TRANSLITERATION

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

TRANSLATION

Blessed are You, Adonai our G-d, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

[A blessing for seeing large wonders of nature such as mountains, hills, long rivers, and lightning:](#)

TRANSLITERATION

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, oseh maasei v'reishit.

TRANSLATION

We praise You, Eternal G-d, Sovereign of the universe, who makes the works of creation.

[A blessing for seeing small wonders of nature such as trees, animals, and flowers:](#)

TRANSLITERATION

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, shekacha lo beolamo.

TRANSLATION

We praise You, Eternal G-d, Sovereign of the universe, that such as these are in Your world.

[A blessing for seeing a rainbow:](#)

TRANSLITERATION

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, zocher hab'rit v'neeman biv'rito v'kayam ma-amaro.

TRANSLATION

We praise You, Eternal G-d, Sovereign of the universe, who remembers, is faithful to, and fulfills Your covenant with and promise to creation.

[Questions to ask your family:](#)

1. How do you, yourself define Tikun Olam?
2. Why do you think Tikun Olam is a core action in Judaism?
3. How do you feel when you are in nature? Do you feel close/closer/farther to/from G-d?
Why?
4. Is it our job to clean the world around us?
5. How can we make Tikun Olam part of our family calendar?