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Danny Siegel

Danny Siegel is a well-known author, lecturer, and poet who has spoken in more than 500 North American Jewish communities, to synagogues, JCC's, Federations, and other communal organizations on Tzedakah and Jewish values, besides reading from his own poetry. He is the author of 29 1/2 books on such topics as Mitzvah heroes and practical and personalized Tzedakah, and has produced *Where Heaven and Earth Touch*, an anthology of 500 selections of Talmudic quotes about living the Jewish life well.

Siegel is sometimes referred to as "The Most Famous Unknown Jewish Poet in America" — among his not-well-enough-known poetry books are *A Hearing Heart* and *Unlocked Doors* — as well as, "Mitzvah Maniac", "The World's Greatest Expert on Microphilanthropy", "The Feeling Person's Thinker", and "The Pied Piper of Tzedakah". His volume *Healing: Readings and Meditations* combines poetry and prose and classical Jewish texts for those in need of healing words.

His recent books in prose include *Danny Siegel's Bar and Bat Mitzvah Mitzvah Book: A Practical Guide For Changing the World Through Your Simcha, 1 + 1 = 3 and 37 Other Mitzvah Principles For a Meaningful Life*, and *Heroes and Miracle Workers*, a collection of essays about everyday people who are Mitzvah heroes and great Menschen; *Mitzvah Magic — What Kids Can Do To Change the World*. Tzedakah stories for children ages 7-12, and *The Humongous Pushka in the Sky*, a story book for little children.

The very latest are *Who, Me? Yes, You! — Danny Siegel's Workbook To Help You Decide Where, When, Why, and How You Can Do Your Best Tikkun Olam*, and *Giving Your Money Away — How Much, How to, Why, When, and to Whom: Danny Siegel's Practical Guide to Personalized Tzedakah*.

Ziv Tzedakah Fund, the non-profit Mitzvah organization he founded in 1981, distributed more than \$13,000,000 to worthy individuals and projects until it ceased operations in 2008.

Danny has a B.S. in Comparative Literature from Columbia University's School of General Studies, and a Bachelor's and Master's of Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

He is one of three recipients of the prestigious 1993 Covenant Award for Exceptional Jewish Educators.

LECTURES AND PROGRAMS

1. *1 + 1 = 3 and Many Other Mitzvah Principles For a Meaningful Jewish Life*
2. Where, When, Why, and How You Can Do Your Own Best Tikkun Olam
3. *How To Solve All the World's Problems by Making Just One Phone Call, Sending One E-mail, Or Surfing One Website*
4. What do Bruce Springsteen, Steven Spielberg, Paul Newman, David Copperfield, Ben & Jerry, and Liz Taylor Know About Mitzvahs That We Don't Know? — How To Be a Mitzvah Hero
5. *Giving Your Money Away — How Much, How to, Why, When, and to Whom*
6. Mitzvah Man and Mitzvah Woman: Every Possible Thing You Need to Know About to Make a Bar or Bat Mitzvah A True Mitzvah Event.
7. *Mitzvah Video Extravaganza: Videos and Discussions about Mitzvah Heroes and What We Have in Common with Them*
8. Is It Enough That They Are Doing Good Things? — What You Need to Know Before You Donate to Any Tzedakah Organization.
9. *Just Exactly What Do We Want to Be When We Grow Up?*
10. My Parents Say They Want Me To Be Happy, Healthy, a Mensch, and a Jew, But All They Really Want From Me Is For Me to Get Good Grades
11. *Everyday Miracles: Using Your Mitzvah Power*
12. Kid Mitzvah Power: Amazing Tikkun Olam Done By Our Young, Medium-Young and Very Young Kinderlach
13. *116 Practical Mitzvah Suggestions — Variety in Your Mitzvah Work*
14. 45 Ways to Choose the Kind of Tikkun Olam that Is Best for You
15. *Jewish Jewish Values for Ourselves, Our Families, and Our Communities*
16. What's Jewish About Jewish Leadership: Jewish Leadership Texts For Professionals, Lay People, or for Professionals and Lay People
17. *Women Mitzvah Heroes: One From The Old Old Days and A Few From Nowadays (Some of Whom You Might Have Wanted as a Grandmother-Mother-Sister-Aunt-Daughter)*
18. So You Fell Asleep During Services — Do You Still Count For a Minyan? (And Other Little-Studied Jewish Laws and Customs)
19. *The (Unknown) Famous Five-Minute Speech That Changed Thousands of Lives*
20. Retirement — Now Is the Time for Big-Time Tikkun Olam
21. *Mitzvahs are Real Life: Near-Life and Real-Life Experiences*
22. It's Already 2010 And Time To Get Out of the 20th Century— Mitzvah Agenda for the North American Jewish Community
23. *Practical Menschlichkeit: Jewish Values and Character Education*
 - A. *Getting A's and/or Being a Mensch: Mitzvahs, Status, and Achievement*
 - B. *The Awesomeness of Being Human: Where Heaven and Earth Touch*
 - C. *Menschlichkeit, Edelkeit, Ziesskeit, Shaynkeit, Feinkeit, and Ehrlichkeit: Human Qualities in Jewish Tradition*
24. Torah Study
 1. Gutsy Torah (2-hour, 4-hour, 6-hour, all-day study marathons)
 2. Unusual Texts: Judaism with Emotion, Yiddishkeit from the Gut
25. *What It Feels Like to Have \$6,543.99/Day to Give Away to Tzedakah*
26. Readings from the Author's Poetry and Prose
27. *Death and Dying: Rarely-studied Traditional Jewish Texts*

BOOKS

1. *Who, Me? Yes, You! — Danny Siegel's Workbook To Help You Decide Where, When, Why, and How You Can Do Your Best Tikkun Olam* (Town House Press, 2006)
2. *Giving Your Money Away — How Much, How to, Why, When, and to Whom: Danny Siegel's Practical Guide to Personalized Tzedakah* (Town House Press, 2006)
3. *Danny Siegel's Bar and Bat Mitzvah Mitzvah Book: A Practical Guide For Changing the World Through Your Simcha* (Town House, 2004)
4. *Mitzvah Magic: What Kids Can Do to Change the World* (Karben/Lerner, 2002)
5. *1 + 1 = 3 and 37 Other Mitzvah Principles For a Meaningful Life* (2000)
6. *Healing: Readings and Meditations* (1999)
7. *Heroes and Miracle Workers* (1997)
8. *Good People* (1995)
9. *The Humongous Pushka in the Sky* (Children's Story, 1993)
10. *After the Rain* (Children's Story for Adults), 1993
11. *Tell Me a Mitzvah* (Children's stories, Karben Copies, Inc., 1993)
12. *A Hearing Heart* (poetry, 1992)
13. *The Meadow Beyond the Meadow* (poetry, 1991)
14. *Mitzvahs, 1990*
15. *Family Reunion: Making Peace in the Jewish Community*, 1989
16. *Munbaz II and Other Mitzvah Heroes*, 1988
17. *Gym Shoes and Irises: Personalized Tzedakah*, 1981
Book Two, 1987
18. *Angels* (essays), 1980
19. *Where Heaven and Earth Touch: An Anthology of Midrash and Halachah*
Book One, 1983; *Large Print Edition*, 1985, *Book Two*, 1984,
Book Three, 1985, *Combined Books One-Three*, 1988,
Hardback edition, 1989; *Soft cover*, 1995 (Jason Aronson publishers),
Source Book: Selected Hebrew and Aramaic Sources, 1985
20. *The Unorthodox Book of Jewish Records and Lists* (humor, co-authored with Allan Gould), 1982
21. *The Lord Is A Whisper at Midnight: Psalms and Prayers*, 1985
22. *The Garden, Where Wolves and Lions Do No Harm to the Sheep and Deer* (poetry), 1985
23. *Unlocked Doors: The Selected Poems of Danny Siegel 1969-1983*, 1983
24. *Before Our Very Eyes: Readings for a Journey Through Israel*, 1986
25. *Nine Entered Paradise Alive* (poetry), 1980
26. *Between Dust and Dance* (poetry and prose), 1978
27. *And God Braided Eve's Hair* (poetry), 1976
28. *Soulstoned* (poetry), 1969

TZEDAKAH WORK

1. Founder and chairman of Ziv Tzedakah Fund (U.S.) and Ziv Tzedakah Foundation (Canada)
2. Tzedakah Resource Person, United Synagogue Youth Israel Pilgrimage, 1976-2010

EDUCATION

1. Bachelor of Science in Comparative Literature, Columbia University School of General Studies, 1967
2. Bachelor of Hebrew Literature in Bible and Talmud, Teacher's Institute, Jewish Theological Seminary, 1967
3. Master of Hebrew Literature, Rabbinical School, Jewish Theological Seminary, 1969

TEACHING, LECTURING, LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

1. Winner of 1993 Covenant Award for Exceptional Jewish Educators
2. Lecturing, teaching, giving poetry readings at retreats, synagogue week-ends, seminars, teacher seminars, Federation/UJA retreats, JCC staff and lay leadership seminars, Jewish communal professionals seminars, campus programs in 500+ communities, 1962-2010