

# PO TZEDEK AND DANIEL (T&D)

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## Children's Book series about Cops and Kids

**Elements:** Action, Adventure, Humor, Education, Values,

T&D (Tzedek and Daniel) is an innovative children's adventure series, which is fascinating to both children and parents. It is a series which is "**Edutaining**", meaning both entertaining and educational.

T&D is about a ten year old boy who befriends and teams up with a martial arts expert police officer to solve criminal cases and resolve conflicts.

In each adventure story there is an intrinsic moral value lesson that children will learn to develop. They will also learn much about the criminal justice system similarly.

T&D stories will reflect problems kids face personally, or problems they hear about through the media, which is just as real to them. They will learn about problem solving. They will learn how police officers deal with their own problems and the problems they face in the community.

T&D is about respect and friendship; a strong bond between a cop and a kid and how they are able to help and learn from each other in their own unique way, relative to their respective positions in their lives.

In each story there will be several illustrations depicting meaningful situations. The reader will appreciate the story line, the problem raised in the adventure, the crime being presented, the new vocabulary offered and the universal applicable quote from our sages. The author and the readers will feel

like they are working with Officer Tzedek directly in solving the crimes and problems presented.

The T&D series offers a wonderful role model for our youth to admire and respect. It's about a disciplined yet sensitive police officer who represents all the good things we want to teach our kids. It also offers law enforcement personnel a wonderful community service idea on new ways to work with our youth and be mindful of how they can be instrumental in the lives of the youth they are suppose to protect.

T&D will also offer a teacher/parent addition for every adventure story offering lesson plans to provoke thoughtful discussions and further insights that the author is attempting to impart to the students. The stories will depict the officer not only in his official role as an officer but as a complete human being who interacts with his family, friends, laughs, loves, cries, and prays.

What makes the Tzedek and Daniel story so meaningful and exciting for the children and parents is that it is based upon the true adventures of a real life hero New York City Police Officer, Gary Moskowitz. Daniel in the story represents several youngsters that Officer Moskowitz came into contact with where these special kids were helpful to him in many situations from the practical to the caring.

Gary Moskowitz was a New York City Police Officer for over nine years. He was the second orthodox Jewish police officer to enter the force. Educated in the fields of social work, education, journalism, judaica, rabbinical, martial arts, criminal justice, and law, he has developed a unique approach to working with people in resolving conflict and making people feel good about them.

Prior to working as a police officer, Gary Moskowitz was employed by the New York City Board of Education teaching high school social studies and working for several synagogue youth programs as their youth director. Additionally, Gary Moskowitz is the founder of the National Association for the Jewish Poor (NAJP), a nationally acclaimed volunteer inter-generational program which reaches out to the elderly and homebound in decaying neighborhoods in NYC.

Currently, Gary Moskowitz, who has earned his rabbinical degree is a fifth degree black belt in both Karate and Ju-Jitsu, teaches his system of Applied Martial Arts, Police Restraint Tactics and Torah and Training. He has tailored Applied Martial Arts to be practical to the individual or group to which he is training. Special classes are tailored to young children, teenagers, adults, Senior Citizens, women, the physically challenged, police personnel, cab drivers, etc. Rabbi Sensei Gary Moskowitz is also a Hebrew School Principal in Long Island and a Youth Education director in a Westchester Synagogue. He is also a freelance writer for a few newspapers and lectures around the country on criminal justice and social issues.

Gary Moskowitz has also involved himself in producing and hosting a television cable show entitled, "The Shalom Bayit Show", which is part of the Metro Magazine program on the Board of Education Channel in New York City. He has completed his study of law and is eligible for the New York State Bar exam this year. There is currently a feature film in development on his life as a New York City police officer.

**Brief guide of how storyline will be developed:**

<b>Crime/Violations/ Offenses</b>	<b>Problems</b>	<b>values</b>
Drugs	Snitching	Its OK to tell
	Tattleteling	on your friend to
get Them help		
Assault		Self-defense
Domestic Violence	The Silence	
Weapons Possession		
Menacing	Threats/Bulling	mental Judo
Arson	playing w/fire	
Sexual Misconduct		
Sexual Assault		
Sexual Abuse		
Harassment, Disputes		Restraint
Truancy		
Auto-speeding		
Double Parking		
Bicycle violations		
Skate Board violations		
Criminal Mischief	breaking st. signs	
Petty Larceny	candy from store	
Jostling	Pick-Pocketing	
Grand Larceny	wallet w/credit cards	
Grand Larceny/Auto	car theft	

Fraud	Cheating	even on tests
Plagiarism		
Slander/Libel	Loshen Hara	
Auto Accident	leaving scene	
Extortion	Ms. Adler story	helping elderly
Bias	Swastikas	
Bribery	Rewards	
Police Corruption		
Election fraud		
Animal Abuse	cock fights	Kind to animals
		Benevolence
		Community
Service		Education
		Peace
		Internal - AMA
		Prayer
		Ethnic
relations		Inter-religious

**Principle characters:**

PO Tzedek	30, 6'/185lbs, Jewish, single, one of five children
Daniel	10, avg. height/weight, has a sister, and lives with divorced mother
Ravit	Daniel's 8 year old sister
Ms. Imawitz	Daniel's mother
PO Nudnick	Tzedek' part-time partner
Kelev	Precinct Pet dog

Positive Value Names

Officers: Emes, Tzedek, Chesed, Shalom, Tikkun, Tzadik, Mussar

Names describing personalities

Officers: Nudnick, Tzuris, Tush, Hamen, Behaima

Book I - Title of first story is "Friends". This is the concept of the initial friendship between the principles and Daniel's problem friendship with his school friends, and Officer Tzedek's, problem with his friend.

**The first story:** PO Tzedek meets Daniel  
**The Crime:** Robbery  
**The Problem:** School Violence  
**Sage Quote:** Everyone is responsible for one another  
**Vocabulary:** Perpetrator, melee, testify, accomplice, apprehend

**New Characters:**

**Illustrations:**

**Teacher/Parent:** Lesson learned - Values, Criminal Justice

PO Tzedek rescues Daniel, the ten year old boy from a street robbery confrontation from a group of thugs. Daniel is awed by Tzedek's demeanor and skill and is eternally grateful. It is here their friendship is secured forever.

**The Second Story:** Daniel's confused Friend

**The Crime:** Selling drugs

**The Problem:** Drug Abuse

**Sage Quote:**

**Vocabulary:**

**New Characters:**

**Illustrations:**

**Teacher/Parent:** Lesson learned -

Daniel discovers his friend's older brother is a drug abuser and pusher. He enlists his friend's PO Tzedek' help

**The Third Story:** PO Tzedek' police friend who has trouble with his 11 year old boy

**The Crime:** Petty Larceny

**The Problem:** Father son problems

**Sage Quote:**

**Vocabulary:**

**New Characters:**

**Illustrations:**

**Teacher/Parent:** Lesson learned -

**The fourth story:** Daniel's friend's secret

**The Crime:** Domestic Violence  
**The Problem:**  
**Sage Quote:**  
**Vocabulary:**  
**New Characters:**  
**Illustrations:**  
**Teacher/Parent:** Lesson learned -

**The Fifth story:** Trapped in Elevator Shaft Story  
**The Crime:** Animal Abuse  
**The Problem:** Cock Fights  
**Sage Quote:** Mother bird  
**Vocabulary:**  
**New Characters:**  
**Illustrations:**  
**Teacher/Parent:**

**The sixth story:** Camping  
**The Crime:** Arson of woods  
**The Problem:**  
**Sage Quote;**  
**Vocabulary:**  
**New Characters:** Officer Aitz "Forest Ranger"  
**Illustrations:**  
**Teacher/Parent:**

**The seventh story:** Police Misconduct  
**The Crime:** Police Brutality  
**Problem:** Racial Intolerance  
**Sage Quote:**  
**Vocabulary:**  
**New Characters:** Kush Daniel's  
**Illustrations:**  
**Teacher/Parent:**

**The eight story:**  
**The crime:** bias  
**Problem:**

**Sage Quote:**

**Vocabulary:**

**New Characters:**

**Illustrations:**

**Teacher/Parent:**

**The ninth story:**

**The crime:**

**The Problem:**

**Sage Quote:**

**Vocabulary:**

**New Characters:**

**Illustrations:**

**Teacher/Parent:**

# Friends

**First Story:**

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It was a bright sunny September morning and all the children were going to school after a long hot summer. The birds were chirping, the school busses whizzing by and the teachers were giving directions aloud. On one corner was Miriam the school crossing guard, the other was Moish the knish vendor, and the third corner had a group of kids nobody wanted to be around.

About 2 blocks away was a tall policeman standing between two store owners trying to resolve their problem. "Hey Tzedek" shouted Officer Nudnick from his police radio car, "Let's get out of here, I'm hungry". As Tzedek shakes both the men's hands, he strides towards the police car window reaching his hand through the window grabbing officer Nudnick's nose and squeezing. "I told you not to talk unless I needed you. You are always complaining. Your work comes before your stomach". As officer Tzedek enters the police car he instructs officer Nudnick to continue to patrol the streets.

Suddenly the police radio begins to blare "North Henry One, North Henry One" on the air. Officer Tzedek responds, "North Henry One on the Air Central". Central command continues, "Proceed to the Kennedy School on Ben-Gurion street. There are numerous reports of kids fighting. Copy"? As officer Tzedek turns on the lights and sirens on top of his police car he turns to Nudnick with the police radio in his hands and says, "Central we are on our way," "Nudnick, put that doughnut down and get moving".

As the police radio car approaches the school the officers see a group of high school students assaulting a couple of young boys. Tzedek flies out of his police car and races toward the melee. Instinctively he grabs two of the attackers simultaneously and throws them to the floor attempting to get the other three attackers off the young boy on the bottom. Officer Tzedek swiftly restrains each attacker with ease and says to the young boy, "Don't worry, you are safe now". As both officers handcuff all the perpetrators Officer Tzedek reaches for his portable two way radio and says, "North Henry One on the air". Central: "Henry"? Tzedek: "We have 5 under (arrest), please send a bus (an ambulance) to this location, [with a smile on his face looking at the young boy] we have a young brave boy who needs a little help". As Tzedek puts his radio back in its case on his belt someone screams out, "Watch out! Watch out"! Suddenly, broken glass is heard crashing all around the officers and the boy. Officer Tzedek unconsciously grabs the young boy placing him firmly behind his body while drawing his nightstick. There are a couple of older teenagers throwing bottles and bricks at the crowd now gathered from across the street. In a dazzling display of agility Officer Tzedek takes his nightstick and is able to block and knock down several of the bottles and bricks hurled at them. Tzedek yells to Nudnick, as he reaches for his portable radio, "Cover the boy, I'm going after them?" Starting to breathe more rapidly as he begins chasing the other perpetrators Tzedek squeezes his radio button in as his police hat soars off his head and says "10-85 forthwith, 10-85 - North Henry in pursuit on foot westbound from the school, request back-up, Copy Central"?

Central: "Any Unit near the Kennedy school on the air"? South George: South George on the air central, we will respond". As Tzedek begins to overtake the boys fleeing both boys suddenly turn around while screaming, "We hate cops", attack Tzedek swinging baseball bats at him. Tzedek sidesteps the first attack while blocking the other attack with his nightstick. Tzedek commands, "Drop the weapons or you will both get hurt". They attack again and Tzedek drops down and spins his body and leg around sweeping the first attackers' legs causing him to fall in front of his accomplice. Both perpetrators now in pain from the fall are easily subdued. Tzedek disarms both of them and holds them down while South George drives up. "What's up Tzedek? (With smirks on their faces) Are you showing off that Ju-Jitsu stuff again"?

The young victim races over to Tzedek and cries, while holding Tzedek's hand, "Officer? Officer? Are you OK? Are you OK"? Tzedek: "Yes, I'm fine. Thank G-d". Young boy: "Your hat fell off, here is your police hat". Tzedek: With a big smile "Thank you. Did these boys also attack you"? The young boy was suddenly quiet. Officer Tzedek knew he was still afraid of the older boys. While Tzedek bends down to the boy to take his police hat, the boy noticed a kipa (a Jewish head covering) on the officer's head and excitedly remarked, "Are you Jewish too"? Tzedek: "Yes I am. What is your name". The young boy proudly answered, "My name is Daniel and I also go to Hebrew School". Tzedek smiles and says, "Listen Daniel, my name is Officer Tzedek, don't be afraid, I'll protect you, it's my job, and besides I also went to Hebrew Day School". Daniel cheerfully grinning, points his finger at the older boys now being taken into custody by South George, "That's them too, they beat me up and took my money also." South George officers: Hey Tzedek, we'll take em in but you have to do the paper work". Several other young boys and girls ran over to the officer and said loudly, "Wow, we saw everything, are you a power ranger?" Daniel responds proudly introducing his new friend to the crowd, "This is Officer Tzedek and we are working on the case together."

Minutes later, the ambulance arrives at the scene and the driver greets Officer Tzedek saying, "I see you saved another life out here today. Let's see, that makes three this week. You're building quite a fan club out there, I'm going to start selling officer Tzedek wrist watches". The other attendant from the ambulance, a tall pretty lady checks out young Daniel. She happily reports that Daniel surprisingly is not hurt seriously and doesn't need to go to the hospital. She places a couple of bandages on him and tells Daniel he is fit to return back to classes. She turns to Tzedek while patting his face, "So officer Good-looking if I call 911 will you rescue me"? Tzedek begins to blush and says good-bye.

Tzedek begins to take all the information from witnesses and then from Daniel. Daniel tells officer Tzedek that the older boys attacked his friend Jacob first and that he ran over to assist his friend and then they started beating him as well. Officer Tzedek picks Daniel up and sits him on the police car placing his hand on Daniel's head and says jokingly, "You are suppose to block punches with your arms not with your face and beating their hands with your head doesn't

count. Well anyway, it doesn't look too bad. I think maybe you will still be able to go to school today." Daniel: "Huh"?

Tzedek: "Hey, Nudnick stop noshing and put the Twinkie down. You have a lot of paperwork to do". Nudnick: "Whhhhat"? Tzedek: "That's our deal, you eat all day, I speak to people all day. I chase and apprehend, you do the reporting that follows. Would you prefer to do the chasing and apprehending"? [Officer Nudnick looking down on his overweight belly]. "That's what I thought. I'll contact Daniel's parents and take him home first".

As Officer Tzedek drives Daniel home in the police radio car Daniel couldn't stop asking questions about every piece of equipment in the car and about officer Tzedek. Daniel was electrified by just listening to the two way radio; hearing about all the problems happening in his neighborhood.

Daniel's mother became nervous when she saw a police car pull up near her home with Daniel inside. "What happened? What happened"? cried out Ms. Imawitz, Daniel's mother as she ran towards the police car. Tzedek: "Relax, Daniel is not in trouble and he is fine. In fact he is sort of a hero. He helped his friend fend off several attackers and he has been a great help to me in identifying these boys as they have been committing crimes to others in his this area for awhile. You have a real terrific boy. (Turning now to Daniel) I have to go now. I will have to speak with both you and your mom maybe tomorrow, OK"? Daniel gives Tzedek a big hug and thanks him. As Daniel leaves the police car he shouts to Officer Tzedek, "If you need any help again you have my phone number". Daniel now turning towards his mom gives her a big kiss and walks towards their home. Daniel starts saying, "You know mom, I wish you were there. Officer Tzedek is just awesome. He and I...".

PO Tzedek & Daniel logo is in development - They are together shaking hands in a "high five" with a police station and a school the background.

Business Plan, Business Agreement, Rights to story, Future book deals, Movie and Television Rights, Cartoon Rights, Use of name rights for posters, Newsletters, Board-games, (I.E. Police Academy), etc...

Video Series, Jewish Human relations' series on values and education

**Expenses:**

Author Royalties on book

Editing/Illustrations or use of photos

Publishing

Distribution

Publicity - mailings, critiques from journalists

Mishteret Tzedek - PO Tzedek Children's Police Club

\$25 year membership - includes membership card, news letter, list of things each new member is responsible to do at home with their families, schools and friends.

Also included is:

Police kit for PO Tzedek police equipment, t-shirts, badge, pin, uniform shirt, memo book, posters, buttons and Sage quotes to calm situations down.

For the book "The Blue Myth" and the movie "Black and Blue"

**Dr. Brenda Shoshana Lukeman - Psychologist/Author**

Gary combines high integrity, idealism, and the unique capacity to always be available to those in need. His indomitable spirit rises above the chaos and confusion that surrounds us daily. He will not be daunted in his search for truth, honesty, Justice and fairness to all. Gary is a man worth of being heard and listened to carefully.

**Rabbi Reuven Poupko - Rabbi of Bayridge Jewish Center,  
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Finally the public will get a glimpse of someone who personifies true Torah ideals combined with moral integrity and the discipline with martial arts.

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Gary Moskowitz, a real community action hero, the stuff of which movies are made of. Gary Moskowitz, a character full of intensity and integrity. Hollywood would be wise to bring him to the public eye. A real powerhouse of a story and a mensch to boot. Who says good guys finish last.