

### Sarah and the Purse

Sarah used to pass a toy shop on her way to kindergarten. One day she saw a beautiful doll in the toy shop window. The doll had lovely curly hair and big blue eyes, and she looked as if she was smiling at Sarah. Sarah stared at the doll in the window. She could not take her eyes off her.

Mummy said 'Hurry up Sarah, you will be late for kindergarten!'

Sarah did not want to hurry up!

Mummy called her again.

At that moment a lady passed nearby and stopped at the toy shop window.

'What a beautiful doll' said the lady. 'My granddaughter would love a doll like that'.

The lady opened her bag to take out a tissue and did not notice that something had fallen out of her bag at the same time. The lady walked away.

Sarah looked down and saw a purse lying on the pavement. She picked it up and ran up to her Mummy.

'It must belong to that lady!' said her mother when Sarah told her where she had found it.

'Let's walk quickly and we can catch her up'.

Sarah ran up to the lady and said: 'Excuse me! Is this your purse?'

The lady looked in her purse and said: 'Oh! It looks like mine. My purse is not in my bag. Where did you find it?'

'On the pavement outside the toyshop', answered Sarah handing the purse to the lady.

'You have a very kind daughter,' said the lady to Sarah's mother. 'Your daughter found my purse. Thank you so much! What is your name and where do you live?'

Sarah's Mummy told her.

The lady thanked Sarah again and went on her way.

Mummy was very pleased with Sarah.

'Returning lost things is a big mitzvah and a very kind thing to do.'

A few days later, there was a ring at the doorbell and Mummy went to answer it. On the doorstep stood the lady.

'Is Sarah at home?' asked the lady. 'I have brought her a present to thank her for finding my purse.'

Mummy called Sarah.

The lady said 'I have a present for you Sarah. Thank you for returning my purse. I hope you like the present!'

The lady gave Sarah a large box wrapped in brightly coloured paper and tied with a pretty bow.

Sarah was very excited. 'Thank you so much! May I open it?'

'Of course you can,' said the lady.

Sarah opened the box and inside she saw the beautiful doll with the lovely curly hair and big, blue eyes that had been in the toy shop window. Sarah was so happy she could hardly speak. She hugged the doll and then said 'Mummy – this is the doll that I saw in the toyshop. Isn't she beautiful!'

Sarah and mummy thanked the lady for being so kind and buying Sarah such a lovely present.

The next day Sarah took the doll to kindergarten. She showed it to the teachers and all the children. She told them it was a present from a lady for finding her purse and returning it to her.