

Jewish Lexicon - UAHC

Justice - Not Charity

We Jews do not give "charity." Rather, we perform an act of justice or righteousness, and the word for it in the Jewish vocabulary is *tsedakah*. In the Jewish tradition, the poor and the unfortunate (like widows, orphans and the stranger in our midst) have the right — the *legal right* in Jewish law — to food, clothing and shelter. It is the obligation of every Jew to give *tsedakah*, that is, to perform an act of justice by giving

help, not out of a momentary whim or sudden philanthropic impulse, but out of religious *duty*. Former President Carter once said, "Life is sometimes unfair." It certainly is. Indeed, precisely because life *is* unfair, the Jewish sages of 2,000 years ago and more made the giving of *tsedakah* obligatory, even for the person receiving *tsedakah*.

Tsedakah is connected with other Hebrew words in our

Jewish lexicon: *tsedek*, meaning "righteousness or justice;" and *tsadik*, the righteous person. Among Chasidim, the *tsadik* is a great and saintly leader. According to Jewish legend, there are 36 hidden *tsadikim* or righteous persons in every generation who sustain the world.

Giving *tsedakah* is never a handout. It is the *right thing* for a Jew to do because *tsedek*, justice, demands it of us.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle for Jewish Book Month - 1984

1	A	T	T	I	C	6	B	A	S	S	10	P	L	E	A
14	N	A	O	M	I	15	A	M	A	H	16	H	A	L	S
17	I	R	V	I	N	G	H	O	W	E	19	I	D	I	S
20	L	E	A	N	E	R	21	S	S	S	22	L	I	N	E
23	M	O	M	24		25	P	I	N	O	N				
26	C	H	I	C	A	G	O	30	A	I	R	P	O	R	T
32	O	A	T	H	S	33	S	I	N	G	E	R			
35	S	T	O	A	36	M	A	R	T	Y	37	O	T	T	O
41	I	S	A	I	A	H	43	S	T	O	O	P			
44	A	R	A	M	A	I	C	47	E	S	T	H	E	R	S
49	L	E	G	G	Y	50	R	H	O						
51	P	A	R	R	52	H	A	M	55	A	N	G	O	F	F
60	A	S	E	A	61	E	L	I	E	W	I	E	S	E	L
63	C	O	E	D	64	L	E	D	A	65	E	N	S	U	E
66	A	N	S	E	67	M	E	I	R	68	R	E	A	D	E



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On The Issues

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Also, I am including a copy of the memo that has been sent to all high school principals in the system and a photo copy of the calendar of the South Mecklenburg High School newspaper.

"I appreciate your interest and assistance in this matter."

The office of the Superintendent of schools sent us a copy of the following memorandum:
TO: All High School Principals

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