

ETGAR Weekly Challenge

Shabbat Parshat Mishpatim -
Rosh Chodesh Adar, Shabbat Shekalim
26th Shevat 5783 - 17th February 2023

Charity

1. The Hebrew word for 'charity' comes from the word 'justice'. Can you name both words?
2. Why might charity be 'justice' rather than a 'good deed'?
3. What is the highest level of charity according to Rambam? Do you think he is right?



Parshah Discussion

כי-תראה חמור שונאך, רבץ תחת
משאו, וחדלת, מעזב לו--עזב תעזב, עמו
"If you see the donkey of someone who
hates you staggering under its burden ...
you shall surely help him." (*Shemot* 23:5)

- Why does the *Torah* mention that the donkey is owned by someone who hates you? Surely you should help any animal in distress?
- How might this *mitzvah* lead to people getting on better?
- Did your feelings towards someone ever change because you did something together?

Brainteaser

Identify the word or phrase:

shekel