

## Charity Miscellaneous

### Ref: *Sefer Zeraim, Hilchot Matanot Aniim, Chapters 8 and 9*

Charity is considered as a vow and after one has declared to give, he must give it immediately.

It is forbidden for a Jew to receive charity from a Gentile in public if he is able to receive it privately.

*Pidyon Shvuyim* (ransoming of captives)

There is no *mitzvah* as great as *pidyon shvuyim* (redemption of captives).

However we do not redeem captives for greater than their worth in order not to encourage captors in the future.

Nor do we assist in their escape in order not to encourage the captors to add extra security, which will worsen the living conditions of the captives.

Order of precedence who receives *tzedakah*.

Woman

Man (in general)

*Kohen*

*Levi*

*Yisrael*

*Chalal* – offspring from forbidden relations of a Priest.

*Shituki* – child who knows identity of his mother but not father.

*Asufi* – Does not know identity of father or mother.

*Mamzer* – Born from incestuous or adulterous relationship.

*Netin* – descendants of Gibeonites who did a bulk conversion.

Convert

Freed servant

#### **Reminder:**

Pack on Misbehaviour



Some circumstances could affect this order.

*GABAI TZEDAKAH* (Trustee of Charity Fund)

Appointed by community to collect funds for the poor – *kupah* – distributed Fridays.

Another fund is collected and distributed every day – called *Tamchui*. This is mostly a food collection.

*KUPAH*

- Collected by 2 people (because fixed amounts are collected)
- Distributed by 3 people
- Given to people of that city

- Should not take from *kupah* if he has enough for **14 meals**

*TAMCHUI*

- Collected by **3**
- Distributed by **3**
- Given to people of other cities also
- Should not take from *Tamchui* if he has enough for **2 meals**

A visitor to a city for:

**30 days** – should give money to the *kupah*

**3 months** – should give to the *Tamchui*

**6 months** – give to fund for clothing the poor

**9 months** – give to fund for burial of poor

A person on a journey who becomes poor temporarily, can take funds from charity, *leket*, *shichechah* and *peah*.

Similarly there are rules regarding other temporary states of poverty. E.g. has funds but owes a debt – at this time he may accept charity.

The measure of funds to allow charity is **up to 200 zuz**.