

Hilchos Tzedakah: Day 1

Introduction: It is impossible to overstate the significance that Jewish thought and practice place on the giving of *tzedakah*. Indeed, throughout the generations, generosity to those in need has been a hallmark of the Jewish people. The magnitude of the mitzvah of *tzedakah* is immense. Chazal tell us that the mitzvah of *tzedakah* is greater than bringing all of the *korbanos*, and that it is in the merit of the mitzvah of *tzedakah* the Jewish people will be redeemed.

Giving *tzedakah* is not merely a praiseworthy endeavor, rather it is an obligatory mitzvah from the Torah to give *tzedakah*. Both men and women are obligated in the mitzvah of *tzedakah*. One is required to give *tzedakah* in accordance with their financial capacity.

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