
TORAH IN A BOX - LEVELS OF CHARITY

RULES/GUIDELINES

Cut out the following 8 examples of giving charity (below) so that you have 8 strips of paper, each with one example of donation.

Arrange the strips in order of what you think would be the most ideal form of giving charity (at the top of the list) down to the least ideal form of giving charity (at the bottom).

Check your answers with the answer key (provided on a separate document). The answer key is based on the Rambam's hierarchy found in his Mishnah Torah.

THE EIGHT LEVELS OF GIVING

(A) You know who you are giving to, but the recipient doesn't know who the giver is.

(B) You give directly to the recipient, as much as you can, but only after being asked.

(C) You give someone a loan or find work for him/her so that he/she will not need to ask for help in the future.

(D) The recipient knows you gave to him/her, but you do not know the recipient's identity.

(E) You give charity without knowing who you're giving to and without the recipient knowing who the giver is.

(F) You give charity, but only because you are forced to do so.

(G) You give charity without being asked, but you give it directly to the poor person, potentially embarrassing him/her.

(H) You give with a smile even though it is not enough.