



Student Dvar Torah - Parashat Terumah
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In the beginning of this week's Parashah it says, "Speak to the children of Israel and have them take to me a contribution." The question is asked why does it say to take a contribution instead of to give a contribution. Is it possible to take a contribution? When we contribute something, we are getting a reward for a good deed. We take the eternal good deeds with us forever, even when we leave this world. One day, there was a famous philanthropist, or a generous donator, named Sir Moses Montefiore. He went to the Queen of England and the Queen asked him how much he believes that he is worth. He answered three million dollars, and the Queen was surprised. She expected him to say that he was worth much more, but this man was a humble man. He saw that the only money he had was the money that he gave as charity. He saw the true perspective of life. We can take this and learn that we can also be as humble as Sir Moses Montefiore by seeing that we should give to others. We should contribute to others because it brightens their day, but it also gives you an eternal reward for your good deed.