

Annotation

The diploma thesis "The importance of charity in Judaism" is about philanthropy in Judaism. It briefly describes the historical development since the Bible to contemporary conception of philanthropy in the Prague Jewish community. The Jewish religion is very closely engaged in all areas of the believer, including the charitable area. One of the most famous expressions of the charity is Zedekiah, meaning literally "justness, godliness, charity". Another important term is gmilut chasadim, which is translated as "acts of charity" - these acts are superior to Zedekiah by providing help to the poor ones and to the rich ones. The Jewish law (halakhah) deals with issue of charity and philanthropy in detail. The Pragu