



Photo and Caption: Volunteer Fire Brigade



Volunteer Fire Brigade
Photograph by Zion Ozeri
Santiago, Chile, 2002

This photograph shows the Jewish volunteer fire department of Santiago, Chile. Photographer Zion Ozeri explains: "There, every ethnic group has its own fire engine. That doesn't mean they're not going to help others, but there is a sense of pride: 'We have our own volunteers.' And the younger ones are trainees." This fire brigade was founded in 1954, and its mission is to serve all those in its area who need assistance.

Worksheet D: Image and Text

Read all of the quotes below. With your partner, choose the one that you think fits best with the photograph and circle it.

1. The individual, being pure, sacrifices himself for the family, the latter for the village, the village for the district, the district for the province, the province for the nation, the nation for all.
--*Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869-1948), Indian political and spiritual leader*
2. If each one sweeps before his own door, the whole street is clean.
--*Yiddish saying*
3. You give but little when you give of your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.
For what are your possessions but things you keep and guard for fear you may need them tomorrow?
--*Khalil Gibran (1883-1931), American poet*
4. ...A community needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings. You, the people, must give it this soul.
--*Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)*
5. The challenge of social justice is to evoke a sense of community that we need to make our nation a better place, just as we make it a safer place.
--*Marian Wright Edelman (b. 1939), Founder of the Children's Defense Fund*
6. One day, Honi was walking along the road, and he saw a man planting a carob tree. He asked him, "How long does it take for this tree to bear fruit? The man replied, "Seventy years." He asked him further, "Are you certain you will live another seventy years?" The man replied, "I found the world provided with carob trees because my forefathers planted them for me. I am planting them now for my children."
--*Babylonian Talmud (collection of Jewish commentaries), Tractate Taanit 23a*
7. Society exists only as a mental concept; in the real world there are only individuals.
--*Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), Irish poet, novelist, dramatist, and critic*
8. Great acts are made up of small deeds.
--*Lao Tzu (600 BC-531 BC), Chinese philosopher and founder of Taoism*