

Describe what you see here:

This man is carrying his mother, who cannot walk. They are Ethiopian Jews on their way to Israel. How does this information affect your understanding of the photograph?

“You shall rise before the aged and show deference to the old.” - Leviticus 19:32

How does this relate to the photograph?

What Jewish values do you see reflected in this photo?



“Our Rabbis taught: There are three partners in every person, the Holy One Blessed Be He [i.e., God], the father, and the mother. When a person honors his father and his mother, the Holy One Blessed Be He says, ‘I view them as though I had dwelt among them and they had honored Me.’ ” - Babylonian *Talmud*, Kiddushin 30b

What does this quote suggest about the Jewish perspective on honoring one’s parents?

What does it mean to honor someone? What does it mean to honor yourself?