

HUNGER FACTS

The United States has the highest child poverty rate of any industrialized country.



Nearly 35 million Americans live with the fear of hunger every day. Over 13 million of them are children.

Nearly 10% of senior citizens in America have to choose each month between paying medical bills or buying food.



Worldwide, 1 in 3 children is undernourished; every five seconds, we lose a child to hunger.

The world produces 20% more food than the entire world population can consume.



ABOUT MAZON

OUR HISTORY

Founded in 1985, MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger is a national nonprofit organization that allocates donations from the Jewish community to prevent and alleviate hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds.

MAZON (“food” in Hebrew) has evolved to become a leader in the anti-hunger movement. Since its beginning, MAZON has granted more than \$31 million to emergency food providers, food banks, multi-service organizations and advocacy groups which seek long-term solutions to the issue of hunger.



OUR PHILOSOPHY

MAZON believes our dual purpose is to provide for those who are hungry today, as well as to address the systemic causes of hunger and poverty both domestically and globally.

Although grants are provided to many organizations serving the Jewish poor, in keeping with the best of Jewish tradition MAZON believes it is important to respond to all who are in need.

3%

MAZON raises funds by asking American Jews to contribute 3% of the cost of joyous celebrations, such as b’nai mitzvah, weddings, baby namings, birthdays or anniversaries.



For example:

- 3% to a cost of \$1,000, add \$30.
- 3% to a cost of \$5,000, add \$150.
- 3% to a cost of \$10,000, add \$300.
- 3% to a cost of \$20,000, add \$600.

3% of your celebration adds hope. Your 3% gift will change lives.

WHO YOU WILL HELP

MAZON is principally a response to hunger in America, but a percentage of the organization’s funds are granted to agencies in Israel and non-governmental organizations working in developing countries.

MAZON makes domestic grants in the following four categories:

EMERGENCY/ DIRECT FOOD ASSISTANCE

Programs that provide meals to hungry and impoverished people. These include food pantries, home-delivered meals programs for the elderly and people with AIDS, kosher feeding programs and prepared and perishable food-rescue programs.



FOOD BANKS

Warehouses whose principal purpose is to distribute donated and purchased food to local networks of nonprofit charities.

MULTI-SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations that offer poor and hungry people a broad spectrum of services to foster greater self-reliance and help move them from welfare to work.

ANTI-HUNGER ADVOCACY/ EDUCATION/RESEARCH



Projects that examine the root causes and extent of hunger and seek effective public policy solutions.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

By contributing 3% of the cost of your celebrations throughout the year to MAZON, you can become a part of the network of tens of thousands of people who are helping to make a difference to those who are hungry.

On Yom Kippur, you can respond to Isaiah’s charge to “share your bread with the hungry” by providing to MAZON the dollars you would have spent to feed your family.

On Chanukah, you can continue to raise your voice against injustice during this gift-giving season by making socially responsible, charitably minded Chanukah contributions to MAZON in honor of friends and loved ones.

On Passover, you can add meaning to the words of the Haggadah to “let all who are hungry enter and eat” by contributing to MAZON what you would have spent to feed one extra guest at your seder.

You can offer comfort to those who mourn with a contribution honoring the memory of loved ones.

You can also honor friends and family with contributions to celebrate their joyous occasions.

You can include a charitable bequest to MAZON in your estate planning. Charitable bequests are an excellent way to leave an enduring, significant legacy in support of MAZON. Contact your financial, legal or tax advisor about the range of charitable estate planning options. For further information, contact Barbara Bergen, Vice President of MAZON, at (310) 442-0020.



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*If you offer your compassion to the hungry
And satisfy the famished creature
Then shall your light shine in darkness
And your gloom shall be like noonday
Isaiah 58:10*

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