BREAK YOUR FAST WITH JUSTICE

The High Holy Days are Judaism’s most universal moment. The moment when Judaism and Jewish tradition takes a step back from our particular concerns and asks human questions. At the heart of those human questions is the need to survive, the need to live — and at the heart of that is having enough food to eat. — Rabbi Joel Pitkowsky

This High Holy Day season, we have a small gift for you and your community, and it comes in the package of an animated short. We hope the reflections contained herein draw welcome connections between the deeply personal experience of the High Holy Days and the communal responsibility to pursue justice, or tzedek.

We invite you to watch the video — on your own, with your loved ones, or as part of a High Holy Day service or learning session — and then reflect on the following questions:

NEW YEAR, NEW COMMITMENT
“What does that mean, to really believe each human being is made in the image of God?”

How is that challenged in a country where tens of millions of people are food insecure?

ASPIRATIONS, JUSTICE, CAPACITY
How will you wield tefillah, tzedakah and tshuvah to make a better tomorrow for everyone?

BREAK YOUR FAST, BREAK THEIR FAST
What will you take out of your fast and into this new world? How do we — and if we means everyone — emerge better from this season?

Want to share your reflections? Check out our social media image bank to post and encourage others to participate. As your observance allows, we invite you to explore the many resources at mazon.org to learn more about hunger, and what you can do to take action.

Shana Tovah U’metukah + G’mar Chatima Tovah,
from our family to yours.

MAZON: A Jewish Response To Hunger
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MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger is pleased to partner with OneTable, bringing people together in new and meaningful observances for the High Holy Days. Inspired by Jewish values and ideals, MAZON is a national advocacy organization working to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel.
Learn the real story of hunger in America — who experiences it and how we can solve it as a community and a nation. Education is an essential and on-going part of engaging with MAZON, and the first building block of changing policy down the road.

While charity is an important part of making sure people get food on the table, we need to work to change the system that allows people to be hungry. Advocacy moves us towards a future marked by justice.

This Is Hunger challenges you to question who struggles with hunger in America, and why. This powerful, immersive experience is now available digitally.

Join the Hunger is Stressful campaign, and help reduce stigma around hunger and food insecurity — starting at your local Farmer’s Market.

Our new Anti-Hunger Synagogue Resolutions provide a unique platform to commit your congregation to fighting hunger, structurally and with intention.

Visit MAZON.org for details on these resources and more, or contact outreach@mazon.org to ask questions or get started.