

MAZON'S FIFTH QUESTION

[Read this after the seder's Four Questions]

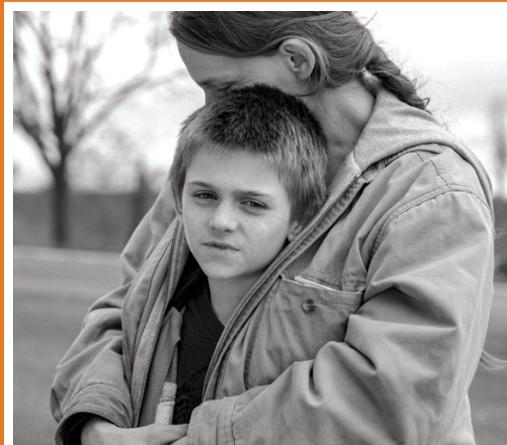
Each year at the Seder, we ask the traditional four questions. And each year, MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger asks a Fifth Question to raise awareness about a particular hunger-related issue and spark important conversations around the seder table. This year, we turn our attention to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which faces proposals for devastating changes and cuts that would increase the problem of hunger.

Charities and houses of worship provide important temporary assistance for emergency situations, but they simply do not have the capacity or resources to feed the overwhelming number of people in need.

Federal food and nutrition assistance programs serve as our nation's frontline defense against food insecurity. SNAP is the nation's most important and effective anti-hunger program, targeting assistance according to need and helping millions of Americans to purchase adequate food for an active, healthy, and productive life.

On this night (and all other nights going forward), let us ask our elected officials to do better and commit to supporting policies that work to end the problem of hunger, not make it worse.

[All read *The Fifth Question* together.]



THE FIFTH QUESTION

Why is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights we ask, "*How can I help feed the hungry?*"

Tonight we ask, "*How can we protect the precious safety net that supports those who are hungry?*"



YOU CAN HELP PROTECT SNAP

Visit mazon.org/SNAP to sign a petition asking Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI) to protect, not eviscerate, SNAP.

House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) has previously introduced dangerous proposals to change the structure of SNAP that will eviscerate the program and its funding. Now there is a real threat that his plan will advance, causing millions to suffer.

SNAP is the nation's most important anti-hunger program and a major pillar of the nation's safety net. It protects against hunger and lifts millions of people out of poverty.

Please join MAZON in urging Speaker Ryan to protect the SNAP program and the millions of Americans who cannot feed their families without it.