

Hanukkah: The Miracle of Enough

No Holiday from Justice

WHY SOCIAL ACTION ON HANUKKAH?

When we think about the story of Hanukkah, we think of the miracle of oil lasting for eight days. And what a miracle it is, to have *enough*. Too many Americans must stretch their food for themselves and their families, and *enough* is a dream. Hanukkah, which means dedication in Hebrew, is also a celebration of the Maccabees return to the temple in Jerusalem and re-dedication to Judaism and our core Jewish values. We can hold both these elements when we bring in a story of hunger to Hanukkah.

This year, we encourage you to recognize Hanukkah as an opportunity to dedicate yourself to the issue of hunger, and the obligation we have as Jews to help sustain those who are in need.



ACTIVITIES

- Review [stories](#) about hunger to help students understand the realities of who is hungry in America. Integrate some hunger learning from our [This Is Hunger](#) curriculum, or [Hunger in America one pager](#). Visit mazon.org to find these resources and more.
- Create a "Help End Hunger on Hanukkah" display to educate your class (and the whole school or community) about hunger in America. Ask students to draw a menorah and decorate each of the branches with facts and figures about hunger as well as ways to help. Display the artwork in the hallway for all to see. Be sure to take a photo and send it to MAZON!
- As each candle is lit, ask student or congregational families to consider the prompt, "We celebrate the miracle of oil lasting for eight days. We celebrate the miracle of having *enough*. How can we ensure every family has enough? How can we be a part of the miracle of Hanukkah?" Encourage them to read a story or a hunger fact each night of Hanukkah, or take an advocacy action as a class or family (see options at mazon.org/take-action). By illuminating the problem of hunger in America, we can rededicate ourselves to fighting this injustice throughout the year.

MAZON encourages you to take action to fight hunger throughout the year. No Holiday from Justice activities can help deepen your experience of the Jewish holidays. To request materials, please call (800) 813-0557 or send an email to outreach@mazon.org.

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