

# Chanukah: 8 Myths About Hunger

No Holiday from Justice

## WHY SOCIAL ACTION ON CHANUKAH?

When we think about the story of Chanukah, usually the miracle of oil lasting for eight days is the first thing that comes to mind. However Chanukah, which means dedication in Hebrew, is also a celebration of the Maccabees being able to return to the temple in Jerusalem and rededicate themselves to Judaism and our core Jewish values.

This year, we encourage you to recognize Chanukah 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 FOR ADVOCATES

Contact MAZON or visit [mazon.org](http://mazon.org) to get a copy of our "8 Myths About Hunger."

- Read a new myth aloud each night as you light the Chanukah candles in your home or at your synagogue.
- Discuss the myth and the reality of the situation with your friends and family.
- Dedicate yourself to educating others about what you have learned and continue to fight this injustice throughout the year.

## FOR DISCUSSION

- How is the story of insufficient oil an appropriate metaphor for our dedication to promoting social justice - and our own reserves of energy in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds?

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](mailto:outreach@mazon.org).

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