



MAZON'S FIFTH QUESTION

(Read this after the Four Questions)

**Am I among those working to ensure
that *all who are hungry can come and eat?***

The Passover Seder is centered around the ritual of a shared meal. *L'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation, we pass down this promise of security: of the table set before us now, and that next year, we will be at the Seder table once again.

But we know a table of nourishing food and the security that it offers are not everyone's story — far from it. Too many in our nation are destabilized, insecure, and even endangered, with an alarming number falling into hunger and poverty. The atmosphere of fear, intimidation, and hostility to vulnerable populations has radiated throughout

our community and permeated our daily lives.

We cannot be passive right now. The words and rituals of our tradition call us to remember our role in this story. Where do I fit in, in this dissonant world that allows for haves and have-nots? Who is doing the work to repair the world, to ensure *all who are hungry can come and eat?* Am I among them? And importantly, what actions can I commit to taking this year to support those who need my voice to be ever louder? What stories can I commit to telling, what truths can I commit to uplifting?

YOU CAN HELP THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY

The seder's gift of communal food is expanded with the exhortation: "May all who are hungry come and eat." We are asked to look beyond our table for who is there and who is not, to open our doors to those who are in need of help, with no restrictions, no limitations, no judgment.

Yet, we are now facing more draconian restrictions on access to food for the most vulnerable in our communities. At least 47 million Americans are struggling with hunger today. We have every expectation that the number will only increase in the coming months with millions of Americans facing the loss of most, or even all, of their SNAP benefits.

The words of the Haggadah call us to invite our neighbors who struggle to our table. Together, we make that invitation by calling upon our leaders to stand up, speak out, and work to ensure everyone in this country of plenty, in this country that enjoys so many blessings, can feed themselves and their families.



A Jewish Response
To Hunger

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