



**Maimonides**

## **Ladder of Tzedakah Matching Challenge**

### **Introduction to Teachers and Parents**

Maimonides, a medieval rabbi, philosopher, and community leader lived over 800 years ago. He wrote of this “ladder” for giving tzedakah in the *Mishneh Torah*, one of his most important books. This hierarchy helps us to understand the best way to give tzedakah.

### **Introduction to Learners**

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### **Preparation**

- Provide a copy of pages 2 and 3 of this packet to all learners.
- Learners cut out the 8 descriptions of giving tzedakah on page 2.

### **How to Play**

- Place, tape, or glue each description to the ladder on page 3, with the best way to give tzedakah at the top of the ladder and the worst way to give at the bottom of the ladder.
- Check your answers on page 4 of this packet.



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Cut Out These Descriptions of Giving Tzedakah

You give less than what is needed.

You don't know who you are giving to,  
and no one knows you gave.

You give what is needed.

You give less than what is needed, but  
only after being asked.

You know who you are giving to but  
the person receiving doesn't know  
you.

You don't know who you are giving to  
but the person receiving knows you.

You give enough to help someone  
support themselves.

You give what is needed, but only  
after being asked.

Worst Way to Give ----- Best Way to Give



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