

# International Trade

An Educational Resource



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Questions:

1. Do you think this is an effective model of debt relief?
2. What are the positive and negative ramifications of this model?
3. Is this method sustainable? Do you think it would work in the modern day?



**Rambam, Mishneh Torah, Laws of Gifts to the Poor 10:7**

שמנה מעלות יש בצדקה זו למעלה מזו מעלה גדולה שאין למעלה ממנה זה המחזיק ביד ישראל שמך ונותן לו מתנה או הלואה או עושה עמו שותפות או ממציא לו מלאכה כדי לחזק את ידו עד שלא יצטרך לבריות

*There are eight degrees of Tzedakah, each higher than the next. The highest degree, exceeded by none, is that of the person who assists a poor person by providing him with a gift or a loan or by accepting him into a business partnership or by helping him find employment*



Questions:

1. In your opinion, why is this the highest level of Tzedakah? Do you agree with it?
2. Do you think there is a difference between “accepting him into a business partnership” and “helping him find employment”? If so, which is better to do?



**Rambam, Mishneh Torah, Laws of Sales, 18:1**

אָסוּר לְרַמּוֹת אֶת בְּנֵי אָדָם בְּמִקְח וּבְמִמְכָּר, אוּ לְגַנֵּב אֶת דְּעֵתָם; וְאָחַד גּוֹיִים וְאָחַד יִשְׂרָאֵל

*It is forbidden to cheat people in buying or selling or to deceive them, whether they are Jewish or gentile – they are equal in measure*



Questions:

1. Do you think a law as obvious as this is still pertinent in today's world?
2. If you had to write one “golden rule” for international trade, what would it be?



**Interesting websites**

[www.tzedek.org.uk](http://www.tzedek.org.uk)

*see Tzedek's resource on Trade Education for more texts and facts*

[www.actionaid.org.uk](http://www.actionaid.org.uk)

*for campaigns, stories and resources*

[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

*Fairtrade explanations, news, latest Fairtrade products and recipes*

<http://www.fairtradekippot.org/>

*to see what the Jewish community can do to support Fairtrade*

[www.oxfam.org](http://www.oxfam.org)

*they have animations to explain trade issues*

[www.tjm.org.uk](http://www.tjm.org.uk)

*they have a good “jargon buster” to explain technical trade terms*

<http://www.labourbehindthelabel.org>

*for information relating to the global fashion industry*

<http://www.killerjeans.org/>

*do you know how “distressed” jeans are made?*



**Peulot & games**

[http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/YouthLeaderResources/trading\\_game.aspx](http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/YouthLeaderResources/trading_game.aspx)

*the trading game*

[http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/coffee\\_chain\\_game/files/quiz\\_and\\_answers.pdf](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/coffee_chain_game/files/quiz_and_answers.pdf)

*coffee chain quiz*

<http://www.simsweatshop.com/>

*a sweatshop simulation game*

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