### MAIMONIDES, MISHNEH TORAH, LAWS OF GIFTS TO THE POOR 10:7
The highest degree of tzedakah—above which there is no higher—is one who strengthens the hand of his or her poor fellow Jew and gives the poor person a gift or [interest-free] loan or enters into a business partnership with the poor person, or finds the person a job, in order to strengthen the poor person so that he or she will not be dependent on others.

### ESTHER 9:22
He [Mordechai] wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

### MAIMONIDES, MISHNEH TORAH, LAWS OF GIFTS FOR THE POOR 9:12
One who settles in a community for thirty days becomes obligated to contribute to the charity fund; one who settles there for three months becomes obligated to contribute to the soup kitchen; one who settles there for six months becomes obligated to contribute clothing for the poor; one who settles there for nine months becomes obligated to contribute to the burial fund to pay for the funeral and burial needs of the indigent.

### DEVARIM 15:11
For there will never cease to be needy ones from the midst of the land, which is why I command you, saying, “open your hand to your fellows, to your poor, and to your needy in your land.”