



# Foundation *Insider*

Maimonides, a twelfth century Torah scholar, identified eight levels of charity, each greater than the previous.

[1] *The lowest level is when one gives unwillingly.*

[2] *A higher level than this is when one gives inadequately, but gives gladly and with a smile.*

[3] *A higher level than this is when one gives to the poor person after being asked.*

[4] *A higher level than this is when one gives to the poor person directly into his hand, but gives before being asked.*

[5] *A higher level of charity than this is when one does not know to whom one gives, but the poor person does know his benefactor.*

[6] *A higher level of charity than this is to give to the poor without knowing to whom one gives, and without the recipient knowing from whom he received. For this is performing a mitzvah solely for the sake of Heaven.*

[7] *A higher level of charity than this is when one knows to whom one gives, but the recipient does not know his benefactor.*

[8] *The greatest level, above which there is no greater, is to support a fellow Jew by endowing him with a gift or loan, or entering into a partnership with him, or finding employment for him, in order to strengthen his hand so that he will not need to be dependent upon others.*

It is no coincidence that our Foundation's mission statement embodies Maimonides highest level of philanthropy: **"the Vision of the Foundation is to develop, sustain and ensure the social welfare, cultural heritage, and continuity of the Jewish community through the creation and growth of endowment funds."**

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