BLESSINGS: FOOD: GENERAL RULES

FOOD WHEN NO ONE WILL BLESS

Food When No One Will Bless: Feeding

You should feed a poor Jew, even if he or she won't say a blessing on the food. If a Jew is not poor, you should not give him or her food unless he or she (or someone else--it could be yourself) says a blessing on it for him/her.

NOTE If someone else says the blessing for the poor person, the person saying the blessing must also eat some of that food.

Food When No One Will Bless: Selling

You may sell food to Jews even if they will not make a blessing over it (you may of course sell to non-Jews since they are not required to say a blessing on it!).

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