

# CHARITY/TZEDAKA: MAXIMUM DONATION

## Charity at 20% After Taxes

You should not give more than 20% of after-tax income to charity for poor people.

**NOTE** This rule is intended only for average people. If you have more money than you need, you may give away more than 20%.

## No Charity Limit for Jewish Education

There is no limit to how much “charity” you may give to Torah institutions.

**NOTE** You may give more than 20% after taxes for Jewish education because it is considered an investment that benefits the donor--the donor shares in the reward that the student gets for studying Torah--rather than charity.