## Dear Friend,

For most of us, the Chagim are a time of joy and anticipation as our families come together. In marked contrast for a large number of Melbourne families, the Yamim Noraim serve as a painful reminder of an ongoing financial struggle. These families often do not have the means to acquire basic amenities for the home let alone a festive Yom Tov meal or new clothes for the children. We therefore turn to you during the month of Elul, gratefully acknowledge your past support, and seek your renewed commitment to assist those living within our very midst who are in serious need of help. The Melbourne Jewish Community Charity Fund is a non-partisan organization committed to supporting all members of our local Jewish community in need. Run by a group of honorary laypeople, the MJCF prides itself on the uniquely high proportion of donor monies that reach our recipients.

This appeal, one of two primary annual fund raising initiatives, will provide varying levels of support to over 220 Melbourne Jewish families specifically for the Yom Tov period. The funds will also be deployed to support our various subsidy programs (rent, utilities, food, healthcare, clothing etc.) that provide year-round assistance to over 380 families.

"We are obliged to be more careful about the mitzvah of charity than about all the other positive commandments, for charity is a distinguishing characteristic of the descendents of Avraham"

Wishing you and your families a Shana Tova U'Metuka. B'Virchat Shalom,

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For the year ending 30 June 2013, over 1.3 million dollars of donor monies were deployed in the provision of financial assistance to MJCF recipients.

The FY2013 total represents a 150% increase relative to 2007, and reflects a major increase in the number of financially-distressed members of Melbourne's Jewish Community, who have turned to the MJCF for basic assistance.

The composition is broadly as follows:

Item	Amount	% Total
Rent/Accommodation Assistance	\$ 434,674	33%
Food (vouchers, meat subsidies etc.)	\$ 247,106	19%
Passover/Purim Holiday Assistance	\$ 147,822	11%
Basic Living Expenses (clothing, home help, vehicle etc.)	\$ 141,455	11%
High Holidays Assistance	\$ 118,122	9%
Medical	\$ 64,134	5%
Fund Expenses (incl rent, admin etc.)	\$ 55,743	4%
Social Work	\$ 48,926	4%
Children's Shoe Subsidy Program	\$ 24,139	2%
Children's Summer Camp Program	\$ 21,830	2%
Total	\$ 1,303,951	100.0%

The MJCF would like to acknowledge the generous support of the following:







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