

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For nearly a century the steadfast support of the Jewish Federations of North America has enabled JDC to provide life-saving assistance to impoverished Jews across the globe.

In today's tumultuous economic climate, poverty threatens the well-being of Jewish children, families, and elderly on a scale previously unseen in many communities. JDC has the know-how and infrastructure in place to ensure the survival and human dignity of every one of these needy Jews; yet, our resources continue to fall short, forcing us to turn away people in desperate need day after day.

With the renewed commitment of Federations' Core funds we can offer critical relief and ensure the survival of hundreds of thousands of Jews struggling with poverty.

Together we can reach the world's poorest Jews:

- 1. JEWISH CHILDREN: BORN INTO POVERTY** Tens of thousands of Jewish children are suffering in unimaginably dire conditions—hungry, cold, or ill, and lacking the nurture to grow into healthy, successful young adults.
Federation Core funds can give these Jewish children the care they need and a chance at a better future.
- 2. JEWISH FAMILIES: THE "NEW POOR"** The global economic crisis plunged thousands of Jewish families into poverty virtually overnight, while their Jewish communities struggle to stretch dwindling resources to care for growing numbers of people in need.
Federation Core funds can provide help for these impoverished families and bolster communities as they work to rebuild after near financial ruin.
- 3. JEWISH ELDERLY: THE CHRONICALLY POOR** More than 185,000 chronically poor elderly Jews around the world depend on JDC for their basic necessities—food, medicine, heating fuel, homecare—and ultimately, for their survival. These elderly Jews are utterly alone and isolated, with absolutely no one to care for them but us.
Federation Core funds can offer a lifeline to these impoverished elderly Jews and ensure they live out their lives in dignity.

JDC leverages your Federation Core funds significantly to attract additional support from philanthropic, public, and other sources, enabling us to reach our total budget of \$127.6 million for this Select Core Priority.

To continue to provide aid for the poorest Jews around the world, JDC must secure a minimum \$14.8 million in unrestricted funds and Select Core Priority commitments from Federations in 2012.