“When we eat and drink in celebration, we are obligated to feed the stranger, the orphan and the widow.”

— Torah

JFS is committed to helping vulnerable Jewish individuals and families feel more connected to our community, particularly at Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Purim and Passover. Thank you for generously giving your time today. You are helping bring joy to friends and neighbors who may be isolated because of poverty, disability or age.

“Those…who eat and drink with their family and do not feed and offer drink to the stranger, the orphan, the widow and any other poor…their celebration is not the joy of mitzvah, but the joy of one’s belly…That kind of joy is a disgrace to them.”

— Maimonides

FOR REFLECTION

- Financial need is only one reason why someone might need a place for a holiday meal. What are other reasons?
- Has anyone in your family ever been in need of a holiday meal? What were the circumstances?
- According to Maimonides, what is the benefit to the host of inviting people who don’t have the physical or emotional means to put together their own holiday meal?