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Dear Parents,

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I am pleased to inform you that we will be continuing our successful **Hot Lunch Program** for the 2019-2020 school year. This letter will answer many questions and provide specific details on how to register for the program. Please note that to ensure your child receives hot lunch on the first program day of school, your hot lunch order must be submitted no later than **Thursday, August 15, 2019**. You can use our online form to sign up: <https://www.baisyaakov.net/hot-lunch-forms/>.

What is the hot lunch program? A Federally Subsidized Hot Lunch Program that brings quality, nutritious meals directly to your child's school. Qualification, which is based on household income, may entitle your child to a free or reduced-price hot lunch. Students who do not qualify for the government subsidy will still be able to purchase hot lunches at the full price.

What grades will participate? The program will be available for students in grades 1-12.

What kind of food will be served? We will continue to follow federal guidelines in providing healthy, well-balanced meals with whole grains, fruits, vegetables, and fat free or low fat milk. We strive to be your partner in encouraging your children to make healthy eating choices and establish healthy eating habits. All food will be *Cholov Yisroel* and *Yoshon*, and will be delivered fresh by our food provider.

How often will hot lunch be served?

Elementary – Grades 1-4 - will be served four times a week, **Mondays through Thursdays**, starting **9/3/19** and ending **6/18/20**.

Middle School – Grades 5-8 - will be served three times a week, **Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**, starting **9/4/19** and ending **6/18/20**.

High School – Grades 9-12 - will be served two times a week, **Mondays and Wednesdays**, starting **9/4/19** and ending **6/3/20**.

We will continue to offer the **pizza only option for Elementary students**. Elementary students may purchase the Wednesday lunch only, but sign up must occur by the provided deadline in order to begin on time. The pizza meal includes milk, fruit and vegetables. This year for all divisions of the school, both pizza and pasta will be a mix of whole wheat and white flour in compliance with Federal guidelines.

Can I sign up once a week? Once a month? When my child likes the food? To participate in the program beginning with the first day of school, you must pre-pay at the beginning of the year for the entire school year. If you miss the sign-up period at the beginning of the year, you can contact the Hot Lunch Coordinator for details about how to sign up late. If you sign up for the program and are not satisfied for any reason, you may cancel lunches for your child at any time, and you will receive a refund for the remaining days of the program.

Are there refunds for school cancellation days, absences? Unfortunately, we are not able to offer refunds.

How do I know if I am eligible for free or reduced meals? An Income Eligibility chart is included in this letter which provides Federal guidelines based on household size and income to determine eligibility. For example, a family with a household size of 5 would be eligible for free meals with an income below \$39,221, and eligible for reduced price meals with an income below \$55,815.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES 2019-2020		
Household Size	Free Meals	Reduced-Price Meals
1	\$16,237	\$23,107
2	21,983	31,284
3	27,729	39,461
4	33,475	47,638
5	39,221	55,815
6	44,967	63,992
7	50,713	72,169
8	56,459	80,346
For each additional family member add...	5,746	8,177

Income for parsonage should not be included in gross income. Those households whose income level is above those indicated levels are not eligible for free or reduced meals, but may purchase meals at full price.

Please note:

- All requests for eligibility will be kept confidential.
- You may be required to present proof of eligibility at any time during the school year.
- You may re-apply during the course of the year, should your financial circumstances change

For further information, please refer to the MBA instruction sheet.

How much will the Hot Lunch Program cost? The annual charge per child is listed in the charts below. Larger portions, salad and fresh fruit are served daily to the Middle and High school students.

Annual Hot Lunch Meal Charge for Elementary School Student (Grades 1-4)

Free	Reduced (4 days)	Full Pay (4 days)	Pizza Only Wednesdays
\$0	\$41.00	\$500.00	\$135.00

Annual Hot Lunch Meal Charge for Grade 5

Free	Reduced (3 days)	Full Pay (3 days)
\$0	\$30.00	\$410.00

Annual Hot Lunch Meal Charge for Grades 6-8

Free	Reduced (3 days)	Full Pay (3 days)
\$0	\$30.00	\$435.00

Annual Hot Lunch Meal Charge for High School (Grades 9-12)

Free	Reduced (2 days)	Full Pay (2 days)
\$0	\$18.00	\$265.00

How do I pay? Payment can be made by FACTS, check, cash or credit card and must be submitted with the enrollment form.

What forms do I need to fill out? If you are interested in hot lunch for your child you must fill out and return in the enclosed envelope the following items:

- a. The hot lunch sign-up form
- b. The completed Meal Benefit Application, if you are eligible for free or reduced meals
- c. Payment (by credit card, check, cash, or by checking off the option to add the cost to your FACTS payments on the Enrollment Form)

All forms are due by Thursday, August 15, 2019 to guarantee starting the program on the first day.

What do I do if I have questions or I am unsure if I qualify for free or reduced meals? For any questions about the program please contact Rena Glazer at hotlunch@baisyaakov.net or call (410) 363-3300 x 501.

Looking forward to another wonderful and healthy school year,

Rabbi Zalman Nissel,
Chief Executive Officer