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Dear Parents,

August, 2020

I am pleased to inform you that we will be continuing our successful **Hot Lunch Program** for the 2020-2021 school year, with some important temporary changes due to the current situation:

1. Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms and students on the program will receive a pre-packaged lunch.
2. Kindergarten will be included in the program this year.
3. We are not able to serve pizza this year in any division, so the Wednesday pizza option is not available in Elementary.
4. Lunch will be served twice a week in each division as follows: Grades K-4: Mondays and Wednesdays, Grades 5-8: Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Grades 9-12: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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 **Monday, August 24, 2020**. You can use our online form to sign up: <https://www.baisyaakov.net/lunchprogram/>.

**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 K-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 Yeshon, and will be delivered fresh by our food provider.

**How often will hot lunch be served?**

**Kindergarten and Elementary – Grades K-4** - will be served two times a week, **Mondays and Wednesdays**, starting 9/9/20 and ending 6/14/21.

**Middle School – Grades 5-8** - will be served two times a week, **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, starting 9/8/20 and ending 6/15/21.

**High School – Grades 9-12** - will be served two times a week, **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, starting 9/8/20 and ending 6/15/21.

**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. If school is required to close due to Covid-19, refunds will be issued.

**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 \$39,884, and eligible for reduced price meals with an income below \$56,758.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES 2020-2021		
Household Size	Free Meals	Reduced-Price Meals
1	\$16,588	\$23,606
2	22,412	31,894
3	28,236	40,182
4	34,060	48,470
5	39,884	56,758
6	45,708	65,046
7	51,532	73,334
8	57,356	81,622
For each additional family member add...		

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. Please note that 5<sup>th</sup> grade is listed separately. Larger portions are served daily to the Middle and High school students.

**Annual** Hot Lunch Meal Charge for Kindergarten and Elementary School Student (Grades K-4)

Free	Reduced (2 days)	Full Pay (2 days)
\$0	\$20.00	\$320.00

**Annual** Hot Lunch Meal Charge for Grade 5

Free	Reduced (2 days)	Full Pay (2 days)
\$0	\$20.00	\$320.00

**Annual** Hot Lunch Meal Charge for Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Free	Reduced (2 days)	Full Pay (2 days)
\$0	\$20.00	\$334.00

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

Free	Reduced (2 days)	Full Pay (2 days)
\$0	\$20.00	\$358.00

**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:

- The hot lunch sign-up form
- The completed Meal Benefit Application, if you are eligible for free or reduced meals
- 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 Monday, August 24, 2020** 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](mailto:hotlunch@baisyaakov.net) or call (410) 363-3300 x 501.

Looking forward to another wonderful and healthy school year,



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