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Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that we will be continuing our successful **Hot Lunch Program** for the 2022-2023 school year. While we are so grateful for the free meals for all students these past two years, the program is **NOT** government sponsored for next year. This letter will answer many questions and provide specific details on how to register for the program.

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. Grades Nursery and Pre-Nursery run under a separate lunch program. Information about this will be provided separately.

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 Cholor Yisroel and Yoshon, and will be delivered fresh by our food provider.

How often will hot lunch be served? Lunch will be served Mondays through Thursdays for all divisions.

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. Please note that 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?

Annual Hot Lunch Meal Charge for Kindergarten through Grade 12: FREE: \$0, REDUCED: \$40, FULL: \$500

How do I pay?

Payment can be made by credit card and must be submitted with the online enrollment form. Please refer to the email we sent to all parents which has all the links needed to sign up.

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 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