



Kochav Yaakov

FEEDING A HUNGRY CHILD

Proper nutrition is essential for growing children. Poor diet contributes to behavioral issues, lack of concentration, and sleep problems. No child should ever go hungry, feeling hollowness in his stomach. Kochav Yaakov is home to many new Jewish immigrants, who are struggling to acclimate to their new homeland. Sadly, many children go to school hungry.

Despite the economic struggles of many of its residents, affordable housing and proximity to Jerusalem make Kochav Yaakov a desirable community, with many new immigrants and native Israelis choosing to raise their families here.

Kochav Yaakov has school programs for local children of all ages, from daycare centers and preschools to elementary school for grades 1-6 and a girls' junior high and high school. Sadly, there are scores of needy families in the community, and their financial burden has only gotten worse over the past two years due to the Covid pandemic. Many residents in Kochav Yaakov are unemployed, and those who are fortunate enough to have a job are still not making enough to meet their family's basic needs.

The community of Kochav Yaakov has a hot lunch program for all the children attending local schools. Parents who can afford it pay for their children's lunches. For those parents who can't afford to buy lunch, the cost is discretely covered by generous donors like you. Everyone is served the same food at lunchtime, ensuring needy children receive at least one nutritious hot meal each day, without shame or embarrassment. When schools were closed for months during this past year, needy families received food packages discreetly left at their doors. Today, schools have reopened, and the regular program is up and running.

There are 200 children in the community whose families are unable to pay for school lunches. Government funding and private fund-raising initiatives in the community cover a portion of this vital program, but it isn't enough; they need your help to feed every child.

Kochav Yaakov is asking you to help cover the cost of hot school lunches for a needy child. Your donation of just \$54 a month will provide food and comfort to a hungry child with privacy and dignity. These generous and caring pioneers need your help to ensure that no child in their community will go hungry. They are turning to you, CFOIC Heartland's generous donors, to support this vital humanitarian program for 50 of their children. With your donation, you will be supporting Jewish life in the Biblical Heartland.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1984
- ☆ **Location:** On the border between the Benjamin region and Judea, just a 10 minute drive from Jerusalem
- ☆ **Name:** Hebrew for Star of Jacob, named after Rabbi Yakov (Jacob, in Hebrew) Abuchatzera
- ☆ **Geographical Significance:** Protects the northern approaches to Jerusalem
- ☆ **Population:** 600 families, with over 2,500 children



Your donation to the Kochav Yaakov hot lunch program provides food for a needy child, with privacy and dignity



Kochav Yaakov school lunch program ensures that needy children eat at least one hot nutritious meal every day

KOCHAV YAKOV HOT LUNCHES

PROJECT BUDGET

Hot lunches for a needy child for 12 months \$648

TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED \$32,400

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