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Our dear community members,

We are all aware of the enormous strain on businesses during these times. We direct your attention specifically to our caterers, restaurants and food providers such as our kosher supermarkets. Their “sit down” business has been reduced to zero with the cancellation of events and mandatory reductions in or elimination of public events.

These are the proprietors who help us keep kosher all year long and provide us with the best service possible on an ongoing basis.

It is not our intent to direct you to one provider over another. Nevertheless, we do appeal to you to direct as much business as possible **locally** so that our community's kosher vendors can minimize the negative financial impact on their businesses and — in some cases — literally survive this crisis. For their part, some local businesses have implemented free delivery and various other incentives to encourage you to patronize them.

With Hashem's help, this crisis will pass and we all want these providers to be there for us — just as they have been in the past — going forward. **Now, we need to be there for them.**

With the utmost respect and gratitude for your support and with every wish for strength and faith in Hashem,

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