

CONGREGATION AHAVAS ACHIM

P.O. Box 334

Westfield, MA. 01086

2020-2021

You are cordially invited to renew or join for the first time your membership in Congregation Ahavas Achim, serving Westfield, Southwick, and Northern Connecticut, as well as the Hilltown communities and the entire Pioneer Valley. Cantor Colman Reaboi is the congregation's spiritual leader with services held at the First Interfaith Center at Westfield State University or online via Zoom during these times of social distancing.

Sabbath Services are held on a regular basis with dates listed in our bi-monthly newsletter. In addition, a variety of special events are planned each year beginning with High Holiday services, a community Break-the-Fast, a Chanukah party, Purim celebration, and a Passover Seder. We plan additional adult and children-oriented programming throughout the year, as well as participate as a congregation in helping out at the Westfield Soup Kitchen monthly and on Christmas Day. Information regarding 2020 High Holiday services to be conducted via Zoom will be forthcoming by email in the next week.

We have continued to make Congregation Ahavas Achim as affordable as possible, so that those who are unable to afford congregations elsewhere can join us. Our family dues are only \$650.00 per family and \$325.00 a year for an individual membership, with no additional charges for High Holy Day services.

Our congregation plays a major role in giving both adults and children a sense of Jewish identity, so important in this area. In addition, our congregation is small enough so that an individual's spiritual needs can be met in a warm, supportive atmosphere. If you are looking for a friendly place to enjoy the holidays, say Yizchor for a departed one, or if you want to explore your Jewish roots, please join us. In the process, you will be helping maintain Judaism in this area. We are happy to welcome those new to Judaism, members of interfaith marriages, and their children. On request, our spiritual leader would be glad to talk to members about conversion, should that be your personal choice.

If you would like to join Congregation Ahavas Achim, please complete the 2020-21 Membership Form enclosed and return it with your payment toward dues. We welcome any ideas for enhancing our programs and services. If you have ideas you would like to share or ideas regarding topics for Adult or Family Education, please feel free to send a note to the board or call any of us. If you have any questions regarding Congregation Ahavas Achim or dues in particular, please feel free to call Sandy Mackler, at (413)262-4564.

***L'Shana Tova from the 2020 – 2021 Executive Board of
Congregation Ahavas Achim***

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Last Name _____ **Family Members** _____

Address _____

Home Telephone _____ **Work Phone or Cell phone** _____

E-mail address **Home** _____ **Work** _____

Annual Dues

Please remit annual dues for the **2020-2021** year, by **9/8/2020**. A payment plan may be set up in two or three installments however a \$10 fee will be due for each payment. Please indicate your choice of payment below: If you are more comfortable with a different payment option please contact Nancy Rapisarda, Treasurer. Please send your payment(s) to the address above.

1 payment Due by 9/8/20 **No payment plan fees**

2 payments Due by 9/8/20 and 11/1/20 **Pmt #1** _____ **+\$10 Pmt#2** _____ **+\$10**

3 payments Due by 9/8/20, 11/1/20 & 1/1/2021 **Pmt #1** _____ **+\$10 Pmt#2** _____ **+\$10 Pmt #3** _____ **+\$10**

(add \$10 fee to each payment for 2 or 3 payment plans) All payments should be completed by 1/1/2021

Family (2 or more people) \$650 \$ _____

Individual (1 person only) \$325 \$ _____

Hebrew School \$300 \$ _____

Additional Sibling \$175 \$ _____

Sunday School \$100 \$ _____

Additional Sibling \$50 \$ _____

High Holiday Guests (of Member) \$75 suggested donation \$ _____ (please indicate names)
(Includes all 5 HH services)

High Holiday Only (Non-Member) \$75 suggested donation \$ _____ (please indicate names)

Children 12 and under no fee (Includes all 5 HH services)

Payment Fees (If making more than one payment) \$ _____

Total Dues, Tuition, HH Tickets, Payment Fees \$ _____

Charitable Donations

It is a Jewish custom to pledge Tzedakah on occasions of happiness, in honor or memory of a family member, or before Yom Kippur. At Ahavas Achim, you may choose one of the following funds in the amount of your choice:

Torah Fund \$ _____

Educational Development Fund \$ _____

Prayer Book Fund (Provide Info. for Bookplate) \$ _____

General Fund \$ _____

Total Donation \$ _____

Total Dues and Donation **Total Payment** \$ _____

Please complete so that we may include the following information in our Bi-Monthly newsletters.

Names and birthdays of family members:

Wedding Anniversary: _____

Yahrzeit Dates you would like us to remind you of: (Hebrew Date if possible, or English day and year)

Please tell us something about you or your family that you would like to see in the newsletter i.e. accomplishments, births, trips, honors, etc. Feel free to do so throughout the year as well. (Use back of form if necessary).

