

From the Executive Board of Congregation Ahavas Achim:

To our members, non-members and friends,

It has come to our attention that some individuals and families in our community may be experiencing financial difficulties that impact their ability to join Congregation Ahavas Achim or to pay their dues by the deadlines indicated in the annual membership form.

Our members come from a wide range of economic situations. The Executive Board is committed to keeping dues affordable and to making membership accessible to those of limited economic means. If you are experiencing financial hardship, you are encouraged to complete the form on the next page and send to the attention of Sandy Mackler at sandra.mackler@comcast.net or Nancy Rapisarda at rappercpa@gmail.com.

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Andrew Blumenthal
Co-President
Congregation Ahavas Achim

Financial Hardship Form

Special Circumstances:

No one will be denied membership because of financial hardship. If you would like to apply for consideration of financial support, please complete the following and send it to the Treasurer, Nancy Rapisarda at PO Box 334 Westfield, MA 01085. All requests will be reviewed by the Board or finance committee and kept in strict confidence.

Financial Hardship Certification:

I certify that full payment of the regular dues charged to me by Congregation Ahavas Achim would create a significant financial hardship. I request a reduction of this payment for fiscal year 2022/2023.

The amount that I feel I can pay toward my dues is: \$_____ for this year. The circumstances giving rise to my request for financial support are:

I understand that if my request for financial support is granted, it will be for this fiscal year only (ending August 31, 2023) and that I must demonstrate a continued need to receive financial support in future years. I also understand that this certification will be treated confidentially and that the President or other member of the board of the congregation, will speak with me personally about my request if I choose or if they think it would be helpful.

Signed:_____ Date:_____