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July 21, 2023

Re: 2023-24 Membership Dues

Dear Congregation Ohr Torah Member:

*Marc Spivak*  
**Rabbi**

Thank you for your support, both spiritually and financially, over the years. With your continued support, we look forward to an even more meaningful year to come.

*Michael Diamond*  
**President**

Like most shuls, Ohr Torah depends on the revenue from membership dues and other donations. As we come out of the most difficult year that our Shul has had, we look to the future for ways to build back better. Unlike most metropolitan area shuls, we do not charge high basic family dues, nor do we require a mandatory building fund. Therefore, to enable us to provide service for our community, we urge you to pay your 2023-2024 dues as soon as possible, contribute to one of the voluntary Membership Plus categories and opt-in to the optional Eruv fee.

*Bruce Schlanger*  
*Ed Croman*  
**Vice Presidents**

*Laura Rogers*  
**Secretary**

*Tsilla Weber*  
**Treasurer**

The board recognizes that many families personal finances are impacted by inflation, so **this year the board voted to keep dues unchanged from last year**, \$850 per family membership and \$450 per single membership.

*David Goldstein*  
**President Emeritus**

Beyond regular membership fees, **we ask that if you are able, please contribute to one of our voluntary Membership Plus categories:** BUILDER - \$2500+; SUSTAINER - \$1,800+; BENEFACTOR - \$1,000+; PATRON - \$750+; SPONSOR - \$360+; DONOR - \$180+. **These additional contributions allow us to keep dues low and our budget balanced.** Participation in this program will be acknowledged as indicated in the form on the following page or as entered on the form on our website, <https://www.congregationohrtorah.org/dues>.

*Leron Thumum*  
**Men's Club President**

**We thank those who have contributed to Membership Plus in the past and ask that you consider moving up a level (or two) from previous years** so that we can keep our dues low and our budget balanced.

*Arnold Barton*  
*Dov Chelst*  
*Yoni Glatt*  
*Jay Goldberg*  
*Robert Grosberg*  
*David Magid*  
*Jrff Raskin*  
*Nicole Reinman*  
*Deena Rubin*  
*Aaron Strauss*  
**Board of Directors**

An additional item to the membership form is an optional \$54 donation to the West Orange Eruv. The \$54 comes out to around \$1 a week for a service that each of us uses weekly. We strongly urge you to participate.

If you find that you cannot pay your membership dues in full because of financial hardship, please reach out to Tsilla Weber, Michael Diamond or Rabbi Spivak to work out an arrangement. We have always tried to work with our members in such situations.

We encourage you to pay your membership dues by check or electronically on our website, <https://www.congregationohrtorah.org/dues>. Again, if there is a financial hardship issue, please contact the Treasurer, President, or Rabbi.

We thank you again for your continued support and wish you a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,  
Michael Diamond, President  
Tsilla Weber, Treasurer

Congregation Ohr Torah; P.O. Box 6169; West Orange, New Jersey 07052

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I. BASIC MEMEBRSHIP DUES (Mandatory Shul Dues)

\_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY: \$850

\_\_\_\_\_ SINGLE: \$450

II. VOLUNTARY **ADDITIONAL** MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (acknowledged periodically in the Shul newsletter)

\_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER: \$2,500+

\_\_\_\_\_ SUSTAINER: \$1,800+

\_\_\_\_\_ BENEFACTOR: \$1,000+

\_\_\_\_\_ PATRON: \$750+

\_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR: \$360+

\_\_\_\_\_ DONOR: \$180+

III. VOLUNTARY **ERUV** FEE (not required but all are urged to contribute)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$54.00

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - add all items above in which you are participating.

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Thank you very much.