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Dear Congregant

Every year as the High Holy days approaches, I hear people complain about the high cost of Synagogue membership and the price of tickets just to come to daven, some are even outraged.

The mind set, is that a Synagogue should just be there when ever someone wants to attend services or when they have to say Yahrzeit

The reality is that the Synagogue is not just an edifice to be taken for granted. It is a family of people who have banded together for spiritual & educational enrichment. Like all families we need an income to sustain our existence. We have operating expenses, such as a mortgages, maintenance, utilities and salaries. Our income to meet these expenses needs to come from each and every one of us.

I am fully aware of how tough our economic situation is in our country and in this community. Many of us are preparing ourselves, to develop ways and means of meeting this challenge. You need to know that our Synagogue is in this same predicament and needs help. In order for us to survive, we need new ways of developing additional sources of income. We have a small membership and although many of you contribute your time and money in the form of dues and other donations during the course of the year, which is greatly appreciated, unfortunately it is not enough.

This year, I would appreciate it if you can revise your family budget and include your Shul family as part of your household responsibilities. A dedicated weekly or monthly sum of money on a debit card or a credit card, in addition to the donations you usually contribute, could mean establishing a new life line that the Synagogue badly needs just to stay afloat. If any of you would like to contribute fundraising ideas or to form a committee to address this crisis, that would be welcome as well.

Thank you in advance for your loyalty and financial dedication to our Synagogue.

May the coming year find us all in a position to have weathered this storm and may we all be inscribed in the book of life for a healthy, prosperous and good year

Sincerely,

Zalman (Stanley) Altwerger

Board Chairman