How to Apply for Membership Dues Assistance and/or Tuition Scholarship

 ***At Or Hadash, we never let finances stand in the way of membership.***

The overriding goal of Or Hadash is to meet the spiritual and community needs of our membership while ensuring long-term congregational viability. We establish our dues and tuition rates on an annual basis at the lowest level possible to meet the congregation’s financial obligations while still providing for the needs of our members. But we understand that not all of our members are in a position each year to pay the expected commitments in full. If you feel that you are unable to pay your full financial commitments as an Or Hadash member, due to your current financial situation, we are able to accommodate your needs through dues reduction or scholarships to defray the cost of tuition.

Our goal is to ensure that financial exigencies never prevent any member of our community from remaining a part of Or Hadash. Of course, the Treasurer and other officers of the congregation also have a fiduciary obligation to ensure that the congregation remains financially stable and that all members who can pay the financial commitment do so. For 2022-2023, the governing Board of Or Hadash has established a budget of approximately $458,000 to cover expenses associated with clergy and administrative staff, religious school, programming and maintenance of the building and grounds. Based on our current membership, this equates to approximately $3,270 per family unit. After four years of no increase in either dues or tuition, they have been slightly increased (7%) for 2022-2023.

It is for this reason that we are requesting the information on this form; there is no intention to unnecessarily pry into members’ personal situation or financial details. We understand how difficult this process can be and we assume that only members who truly cannot pay their full financial commitments will fill out this form. With that in mind, we have striven to make the process as simple and unobtrusive as possible.

We do ask that you fill out this form every year needed, we do not assume that your financial situation is unchanged from the prior year.

*Please refer to the back of this form for application details.*

To apply, complete this short form and send it to the Or Hadash office, to the attention of the Treasurer, or email to Treasurer@orhadash.com. The Or Hadash Treasurer will review the information, in strictest confidence, and only contact you if necessary. Once the Treasurer approves the request, your account will be adjusted.

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| *Proposed* ***Tuition*** *PaymentPlease check payment schedule:*▢ Monthly▢ Annually |  |

**If you choose to pay with a single payment, please submit your payment by December 31, 2022. If you are paying monthly, please remember that the OH fiscal year ends June 30, 2023.**

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