

Am Haskalah Dues and Contributions for 2009-2010 Worksheet (Do not return this sheet)

Dear Members,

As we head into the year 5770 and into the 4th decade of Am Haskalah's existence, we have a great year to look forward to: a talented new rabbi, a renewed focus on adult education, and continued growth. Your annual dues and contributions are an essential part of this future. When you pay dues, you help renew the covenant of the Congregation with its members to provide a dynamic Reconstructionist Jewish community in the Lehigh Valley. Whether you participate in many activities or only a few, your dues are essential to support the existence of the Congregation.

Am Haskalah's membership dues are based on income, rather than a fixed rate. This has generated some confusion in the first year, so we have revised this worksheet to help you. We recognize the essential privacy of your personal finances and we never ask you to send any personal information to us, including this worksheet. Use this sheet to determine a payment that is sustainable for you and then file it for your own records. Please return only the second sheet to the Treasurer.

Associate members (if you are a full member of another synagogue), please note that your dues remain \$400 and you do not need to complete the worksheet. Additional contributions are always welcome.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 610-533-6677 or 610-821-1114.

Sincerely,



David L. Smith, President

STEP 1. Determine your household income:

If you are not sure how to determine your income, you can use the adjusted gross income from last year's tax return. If you have high expenses due to elder- or child-care, medical, or other needs, then reduce your income as needed.

EXAMPLE: A couple makes \$65,000 combined gross income, but are paying \$15,000 per year toward elder care expenses. They decide that \$10,000 of this is an extraordinary expense that they need to remove from their income. They would fill out the worksheet as below.

Gross income \$65,000
Adjustments: - \$10,000
Adjusted income = \$55,000

Now use this method to calculate your own family or personal household income

Write your adjusted gross income (from tax return) here

Subtract the amount of any adjustments due to high expenses:

Write the result (your self-determined household income) here

STEP 2. Your dues rate

Using the chart below, find your self-determined household income and determine the dues rate percentage and the number to multiply by:

EXAMPLE

For our example family they would find the line containing \$55,000. Their rate would be 1.25% and they would need to multiply their income by .0125.

Household Income	Dues Rate Percentage	Multiply by
Less than 50,000	1.00%	.010
50,000 to 74,999	1.25%	.0125
75,000 to 99,999	1.50%	.015
100,000 to 124,999	1.50%	.015
125,000 to 149,999	1.75%	.0175
150,000 to 174,999	1.75%	.0175
Over 175,000	2.00%	.02

Use the table below to find your rate

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STEP 3. Your dues

Multiply your household income from step 1 by the percentage identified in step 2.

EXAMPLE: Our example family determined their household income to be \$55,000 and their rate to be .0125. Their dues would be \$687.50.

$$\$55,000 \times 0.0125 = \$687.50$$

Now do this for your income and rate to find your dues.

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 \text{Household income} & \times & \text{Dues Rate} & = & \text{DUES}
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Please copy only the DUES amount onto the next page to return to the treasurer. Please retain this page for your records, or dispose of it as you see fit. Shredding and then composting it provides maximum data security and environmental benefit.

