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Dear Congregants,

I hope everyone is getting ready for the Arizona summer and whether you stay here or head out for cooler temperatures, we wish you a safe and enjoyable break.

Before you unplug, I want to share some information regarding dues for the upcoming year and my thoughts about how our congregation and others like it typically operate.

First, dues are not the beginning and end of what it takes to run a synagogue. Like almost every other congregation in the world, our expenses exceed what we collect from dues. Congregations everywhere rely on the charitable contributions they receive throughout the year to continue operating. If congregations increased dues to a level where donations were not needed, many members would struggle to afford membership, and the Jewish community as a whole would be worse off.

Belonging to Congregation Kehillah is a wonderful experience and we hope you feel that it is worth your support. With that in mind, the board has made the decision to limit next year's due increase to 4%. This is essentially no increase at all and is being made simply to keep up with the current inflationary environment.

In the coming weeks you will be hearing more about next year and new opportunities to participate and support our Kehillah. Until then, have a wonderful summer and we'll see you again soon!

Rich Fox  
President