

Congregation Am Echod Membership Agreement 2017-2018



May 2017

Dear Congregant:

Beginning July 1st, Congregation Am Echod will enter its 122th year. Throughout the years congregants have strived to keep the organization alive utilizing principles that have remained unchanged throughout the generations. Members join Am Echod to learn, pray, share values, make friends, enhance our community, and experience Judaism. Membership at Am Echod has its privileges. By becoming personally involved you can reap the reward of knowing that future generations will benefit from your efforts today. This year especially as we continue to grow and build a strong Reform Jewish presence with our Synagogue in Northern Lake County consider the following:

- High Holy Days and Shabbat Services
- Holiday Celebrations
- Bar and Bat Mitzvah Preparation
- Lifecycle Events
- Children's Religious and Hebrew Education
- Adult Education
- Sisterhood, Youth and Social Programs
- Leadership via Involvement with Congregational Committees

Our home at 616 N. Bridgeport Terrace is serving our needs well with a wonderful main room that serves as a sanctuary and common area. In addition the children enjoy the colorful classrooms for learning Religious Studies and Hebrew. We are still actively looking for a permanent place to call home.

We are sending out new membership packets so that we can update our files, some may have already filled them out but we ask that you please take the time to fill them out again, so we are sure to have everyone's current information. Am Echod is a volunteer organization. We ask that each family be responsible for ten hours of volunteering per calendar year. Volunteering will help us build a stronger **Am Echod community**. We need your help. Please fill out the attached signup sheet showing your commitment to us along with your completed membership application.

As President, this past year has been very eventful, new members, new faces, and exciting ideas and challenges. I have seen members pull together and help one another in times of celebration, and in times of need. This is what a community consists of and does for one another. My hope is that Am Echod will be your "Home away from Home" where you and your family can enjoy good friends, a feeling of purpose, and religious fulfillment.

Sincerely,

Missy Frier
President

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Membership Requirements

As the year begins, you should understand your financial obligations. **It is your responsibility to complete the form and return it to us along with a full or monthly payment.**

It is with some regret that Am Echod has found the need to institute stricter financial rules regarding membership and payments. The lack of timely payments has made it difficult to manage the congregation's finances. In order to maintain the financial health of our congregation, Am Echod has instituted the following payment plans in order to ensure the timely receipt of funds for the continued operation.

The following rules will apply for this fiscal year:

- All dues and fees from the prior year must be paid in full in order to enroll your children in Religious / Hebrew school.
- 100% of Religious/ Hebrew school tuition must be paid prior to the start of the school year.
- Members on a monthly payment plan must pay monthly or membership privileges may be suspended.
- If your child is having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah this year, all outstanding membership dues and Temple fees must be received at least 30 days prior to the event.
- We now accept **Visa*MasterCard*Discover*Amex*** (There is a small convenience fee)

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Temple office at (847) 265-1818 or send an e-mail to: treasurer@amechod.org

Return the completed Membership Agreement form to the Temple by mail, or e-mail

Congregation Am Echod
Attn: Treasurer
616 N. Bridgeport Terrace, B
Lindenhurst, IL 60046

E-mail: treasurer@amechod.org

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The dues structure for the upcoming year is listed below. Please check all boxes next to the dues categories as applicable for your membership. You must check at least one box in each of the two categories (Membership and Education) listed below.

Membership (Check one)

		TOTAL
❖ New Member Special	\$1,100	\$ _____
❖ Regular Membership	\$2,200	\$ _____
❖ Regular Membership paid before July 1, 2017	\$2,000	\$ _____
❖ Full-Time Student (age 18-24) and Singles	\$1,250	\$ _____
❖ Senior Membership	\$1,500 (age 65)	\$ _____

Education (Check one)

❖ Children in School*	\$400 1 st child, \$350 2 nd child, #Children	
❖ No Children		
❖ There is no discount on school fees		
	*Maximum \$750 per family	\$ _____

For those with Financial Constraints, please contact treasurer@amechod.org to discuss the options. _____

I wish to select the following payment option:

- Paid in full before July 1, 2017 **No discount on school fees** _____
- Bill me- _____
- I will be billed over a period of 12 months starting in July 2017 thru June 2018. _____

Please note that this form must be completed in its entirety, signed, and returned to the Temple office prior **July 1, 2017**. If the form is not completed in full, we will not be able to invoice you for your dues or enroll your children in Religious/Hebrew school.

I/We acknowledge that the total balance of \$ _____ (**total from above**) is my/our current obligation for the 2017-2018 membership year, and agree to pay the total balance during this fiscal year. **Termination of membership during the year will not terminate your financial responsibility.**

Further, (I/We) understand that Congregation Am Echod will act in reliance upon this promise to pay and will be incurring expenses to maintain the Temple, school and building. I/We understand this Agreement is subject to the Congregation's policies and regulations concerning dues and fees, and this Agreement may be enforced by all remedies available to it.

Name (printed)	EMAIL	Name (printed)	EMAIL
_____		_____	+_-
Signature		Signature	

Billing Address:

Phone # Cell (s) and Home _____

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Volunteer List



Each member is responsible for committing ten hours of time (or \$25 for Friday night oneg) for the benefit of Am Echod. Choose from the activities below and mark the hours that you agree to volunteer. If you have other ideas for volunteering your time, please note that below as well. Agreement will not be accepted without this page filled in.

Listed below are some suggestions of how to wisely spend that time and the credit hours that will be earned:

I/We commit to:
Times Total

- Oneg (setup, food, clean up) - \$25
- Building Maintenance - 1 hour
- Sukkot Building and Tear Down - 2 hours
- Purim - 3 hours
- Help with a Fundraising Event - 1 hour
- Help plan a Social Event - 1 hour
- Membership Drive- 1 hour
- Educational Programming - 1 hour
- Cemetery Management - 1 hour
- Board Participation – 2 hours per meeting
- Other:
- Total Time must equal 10 hours or more _____