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RETRACTION REQUIRED ON INACCURATE STORY PUBLISHED IN ROCKLAND TIMES

The Rockland Times is hereby directed to print a retraction relating to an article that appeared on February 7, 2019, "Village of Airmont Settles \$2.25 million fine for \$100." The headline and information contained in the article are false, misleading, and must be corrected immediately.

Congregation of Echo Ridge was never issued 450 violations and was not facing \$2.25 million in fines.

Congregation Echo Ridge was cited for having three cars parked in violation of the Village Code on one single day. The maximum fine for any violation of any provision of the Code (e.g. building without permits) is \$5,000 per day. The Village has never fined anyone the maximum possible fine for parking violations. The \$100 fine issued to Echo Ridge was consistent with other parking violations issued to other residents of the Village.

The report by the Rockland Times is completely inaccurate and untrue.

We find it particularly disturbing that the Rockland Times did not, at any time, reach out to the Village of Airmont to confirm Rabbi Halberstam's claims, publishing a false narrative without any attempt to verify the information with the Village of Airmont. In the future, you are directed to contact the Village to confirm such information before a story is published, in order to provide your readership with the accurate, factual information they deserve.

Sincerely,

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