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Dear Judges of Interfaith World Harmony Week,

I am writing to recommend Shaheen Akhtar for an interfaith leadership prize for her sustained, effective, and pioneering interfaith work over decades. I have personally partnered with Shaheen and her faith community. I have been so impressed with her dedication to the cause of interfaith peacemaking.

With Shaheen's support we have organized several Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue events in Natick, MA. Also, I have witnessed Shaheen's very effective events on Islamophobia held in public libraries and various faith communities in my town and others throughout our area. Shaheen also reaches people through her book studies, which are very well attended.

Why give prize money to Shaheen? Because she will use it more efficiently and effectively than anyone else. All of the work that she does is volunteer, yet she brings a level of professionalism and effectiveness of a typical executive director of an interfaith organization. She is able to gather volunteer collaborators to make her programs even more effective. She deserves this prize; it will amplify her impact and inspire others.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions at all.

Peace and Gratitude,

Rev. Dr. Ian Mevorach