

Presidential Matters

by Steve Aronowitz



At the most recent Kol Nidre service, I spoke about the value and good feeling one derives from making a commitment and carrying through with it. I referenced a few individuals; one was the great baseball player, Hank Greenberg who didn't play in a World Series game on Yom Kippur. Closer to home I recounted the contributions of a few temple members who took time out of their schedules, making a commitment to serve our synagogue. Often, it is not a financial contribution that makes the difference; it is simply one's desire to help out, when needed most.

Here's an example of commitment to our synagogue. Better yet, let our Office Administrator, Audi Acevedo, tell the story.

The internet service stopped working and we were at a standstill in the office. We had ordered a new router, but following installation, it still didn't work. I really didn't want to call David Penner, who always comes to fix whatever computer or phone problem we have because he had just driven back from Florida and had shoveled his long driveway of snow and ice. But I had no choice! Things got worse before he arrived. Not only did the internet go – so did our security system at the front door. After restoring the computer service, David spent over 12 hours, starting around 6 a.m., from the attic to the office, from the office to the front door, back and forth, following cables to find the one cable that had gone wrong in the security system. He did not rest until he had it all up and running, late at night, well after everyone had gone home. He rewired everything, re-soldered a mess of wires within unbelievable cramped quarters.

The real story is that this is David. What a blessing to have such a man – and he never asks for anything in return.

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