

## Reflections from Rabbi . . .

### Rabbi's Remarks for Outgoing President – Installation 2014

Ndiv lev--that will always be the Hebrew definition that defines Michelle for me. A giving heart. Every member of the shul has been touched by Michelle's unparalleled level of giving of herself over the course of the past two years. Michelle, your presidency will always be characterized by three outstanding characteristics -- your Shabbat persona, your handwritten notes, and the hours you spent in the car each week.

Every member of the shul has experienced your Shabbat spirit. The Shabbat hugs you generously distribute have made so many people feel welcomed on Shabbat. With all of the sophistication that defines our current world, we find time and again that little touches still make a tremendous difference in each other's lives. . .like a heartfelt greeting from a caring person like you.

On birthdays, anniversaries, get-well occasions, and so many more, Michelle, your notes have touched people in the nicest of ways. An old-fashioned handwritten note or a real phone call has repeatedly put a smile on our members' faces. Your total dedication to touching lives has been so special. Your willingness to make the time needed to reach out to all of these people is simply remarkable. On behalf of all of us, I say 'thank you' so very sincerely for caring, for reminding everyone what a difference one person can make in another's life.

Finally, thank you for being so generous with your gas mileage. You know the roadways like few others between Highland Park and Plano! It seems as though there is some poetic justice reflected in the fact that the end of your presidency should coincide with the opening of your surface street that has been closed for how many months now!?

Again, you have been extraordinarily generous with your time and willingness to be present. . .in person. Give your car a little rest, and I know *you* will appreciate the time, too.

Michelle, with Mark at your side giving generously to the Men's Club, to the various shul campaigns, to our daily minyan. . .your shared commitment to Anshai Torah has been unselfishly demonstrated on a regular basis. You have redefined a couple's dedication level to the shul. Now, your term has been fulfilled. You have guided us through some extraordinary moments--most notably, the purchase of our new cemetery plots, and the welcoming of the Kushnick family.

May you always know that you have left a wonderful legacy with our shul membership. We all know you have earned your upcoming summer vacation! Thank you for demonstrating your Ndiv lev on a regular basis. . .you have reminded us that we must be, first and foremost, a caring community. May you always keep close to your heart the memory of the many members' lives you touched with your "ruah," with your spirit. May God bless you and Mark with many wonderful years ahead, filled with the opportunity to share life's most precious moments with those you love and care for most sincerely.

*Rabbi Stefan Weinberg*

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