**Young active members (in their 40s) as an example of congregational commitment today**

Many of our active members in their 40s were not initially willing, upon joining in their 20s and 30s, to commit to the congregation; rather, they preferred to participate in various other activities targeted at their age group. When asked, they spoke of a Judaism that would fit the needs of the middle-class secular Israeli of the 21st century, who does not see congregational commitment as a priority. In the words of one congregant, “the Reform movement became user-friendly.” He added: “young adults treat Judaism the same way they treat the Internet – they surf. On the Internet, you don’t get bogged down in any individual site; everybody surfs, as long as they want, wherever they want.” In modern, online-centric society, in other words, practicing Judaism is akin to surfing the Internet: rather than commit to a single congregation espousing a particular interpretation of Judaism, one can drift from congregation to congregation, from one version of Judaism to another. The congregant’s observations reflect the changing attitude towards congregational commitment: instead of joining a congregation in a specific place whose members agree on a specific set of practices (a “website” in his analogy), one can pick and choose between congregations offering various forms of Jewish practice (“everyone surfing wherever they want,” in his words).